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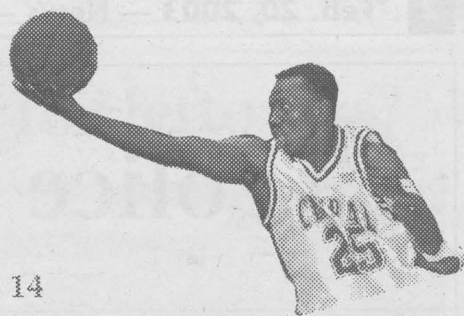
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# CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OBSERVER

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## Marchers protest for peace

Citizens opposed to a war with Iraq take their message to the streets of Ellensburg

by Jennifer McDaniel  
Staff reporter

Ellensburg joined the rest of the world Saturday Feb. 15 in a united stance for peace by participating in a worldwide peace rally/march.

Slogans bearing messages "Intelligent Alternatives," "Honor International Law," and "Wake up America and Smell the Oil," along with others, were carried in the cold rain by nearly 200 Central Washington University students, faculty, children and citizens of Ellensburg.

Organizers of the march, the Progressive Student Union (PSU) and the No-Touching Ground Movement (NTGM), said it was a privilege to come together in solidarity with all cities and countries across the world on the same day to promote peace and convey to world leaders, especially President George Bush, that millions of people are against this war.

"It feels good to feel the world supports us in not wanting this to happen," Kathy Stone, senior cultural anthropology major, said. "I feel it's more positive because there is so much resistance worldwide, that as much as Bush may want to push his own agenda, it's making it more and more difficult for that to happen."

The 16-block march, which lasted an hour, began and ended at the United Methodist Church on Ruby Street and Second Avenue.

Despite the infamously cold



Matt Ackerman/Observer

Anti-war demonstrators braved the rain and cold to spread their message of peace in Ellensburg on Saturday. Central's Progressive Student Union and No Touching Ground Movement organized the march as part of a day-long, world-wide peace effort.

Ellensburg wind, there were many smiles among the marchers, and supportive citizens were honking and waving.

Upon the marchers' return, a peace potluck was served and participants relaxed and thawed to music provided by Ravinwolf.

Alan Merson, an educator, attorney, veteran and minister, gave a speech titled "Pre-Emptive strike equals Pre-Emptive Murder." Quoting other

speakers, newspapers and Bush, he spoke about the new foreign policy and how it is negatively transforming the nature of the world. He scoffed at Bush's claim of success in rooting out terrorism and reminded the audience that Osama bin Laden still hasn't been captured.

The crowd applauded when he said, "This government doesn't represent us, and ultimately, if a real democracy exists

in the United States, the people will prevail."

After Mercer concluded his remarks, the floor was opened to comments, brainstorming and group discussion.

A peace resolution was drafted, as well as a proposal asking the Ellensburg City Council to support a diplomatic solution to the conflict with Iraq. Many other U.S. cities have taken similar actions.

In response to the backlash against the "NO IRAQ WAR" signs and the opposing pro-war rally in Yakima, PSU president Andrew Cottonwood said "Support our troops

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"These opinions can't be contained"

— Lars Bergquist  
Central student

## Writing Center provides first aid for students

by Charles Rocha  
Copy editor

Time to panic: that big term paper is due soon, but the first word has yet to be written. Terror strikes. How should the paper be written? How are the sources documented? And what's this about having a good thesis statement?

For those students who need help with their writing, and for those who want an extra bit of polish or a sec-

ond opinion on that summary assignment or term paper, the Central Washington University Writing Center is the place to go. On the second floor of Hebel Hall, the center features writing tutors to assist students with their written assignments.

The Writing Center staff consists of English department faculty and graduate student teaching assistants. Some have specialties such as creative writing, source documentation and literary research, but the com-

monality between all staff members is that they are enthusiastic about teaching students how to write well.

"I try to help them focus on writing more as a process than a fixed result," Sara-June Treadwell, writing tutor and graduate student in English, said. "I encourage students to use writing as a way to empowerment."

Although many students who visit the center are taking required composition courses such as English 101 and 102, the center helps stu-

dents with all types of writing. Paper topics can range from poetry interpretation to marketing to computer science. Students may even visit the center for comments on resumes, scholarship and graduate school applications, theses and business letters.

Lila Harper, English department faculty member and coordinator of

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## New leader to develop leadership programs

by Lauren McKean  
Staff reporter

A campus program geared toward enhancing leadership skills recently hired a new leader.

Central Washington University's Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL), established in 1988, hired Jennifer Fountain as a full-time professional program coordinator.

"The program is meant to facilitate students in their development of leadership programs and opportunities for students on campus," Fountain said.

Fountain has taken the job as a permanent replacement for a number of students and advisors who previously headed the leadership program for Central students.

"My goal is to work collaboratively with the Service-Learning & Volunteer Center, the Empowerment Center, the Diversity Center, Campus Life and Campus Activities, and Residence Living, as well as with faculty, staff, and community members, to deliver a comprehensive, premier leadership development program for the students of CWU," Fountain said.

Fountain is a 1995 Central graduate with a degree in marketing and business education. After working as a teacher in the Buckley and Kent areas, she moved back to Ellensburg and was hired as a graduate assistant for the Information Technology and Administrative Management department at Central.

As part of the graduate assistant job, Fountain taught classes and completed a master's degree at Central.

Her thesis, under the direction of Robert Lupton, was based on women entrepreneurs in Central Europe and their leadership traits. Fountain received her masters in August 2002.

Fountain now heads a staff of seven students: R.A. Mazzola, Emily Ravsten, Michael Skiff, Annie Phelps, Scott Leadingham, Katy Hursey and Meghan Hanley, who work as programmers for CEL.

"In conjunction with the seven student employees, we implement leadership programs, make leadership development resources available and provide guidance to student employ-

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## Police Briefs

Compiled by George Hawley  
Staff reporter

Not your usual fake ID  
11:15 p.m. Feb. 13

This ain't no book club  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 10

An Introduction to Public Relations textbook was stolen from a student in the Language and Literature building or Shaw-Smyser. The textbook was worth about \$60.

Anger management classes?  
Feb. 8 to 11

Sometime between Feb. 8 and Feb. 11 the tires were slashed on a 1993 Ford Ranger. The loss to the owner is \$100.

Walk it off  
Feb. 3 to 11

A bike was left unattended and unlocked on the bike rack of Moore Hall. When the owner returned several days later it was gone. The bike was a silver and blue BMX worth \$100.

Chief Ow- "high"  
7 p.m. Feb. 13

Student Affairs contacted police when a small bag of white powder was found in the Chief Owhi room of the Samuelson Union Building. A field test proved the powder was 3.1 grams of cocaine. The police still have the cocaine if the owner would like to claim it.

Officers were dispatched to Courson Hall to check on an unconscious student.

The police found a 19-year-old man who smelled strongly of alcohol lying on a bed. The Ellensburg Fire Department arrived to check for signs of alcohol poisoning. When the student regained consciousness it was determined he was all right, police asked to see his ID.

The student reached into his pocket, pulled nothing out, and then held up his hand as though he were holding an ID. When the student's age was finally determined, the officers discovered he was 19 years old. He was cited for minor in possession.

Rock: 1 - Window: 0  
5:30 a.m. Feb. 15

Officers patrolling the N-16 parking lot near the bassetts discovered a 1995 Dodge Avenger that had its windshield smashed by a rock. The total loss to the owner was \$550.

Open sesame  
Feb. 13 to 14

There was an attempted vehicle prowl of a 2000 Dodge Dakota. The owner discovered that someone had tried unsuccessfully to pry the door open. The door sustained \$40 worth of damage.

# The Crocodile Hunter has some feline competition

By Emily DuPlessis  
Staff reporter

While Ellensburg residents sleep in the comfort of their homes, activity on the streets is not what some would expect.

Police reports show that the nightlife in Ellensburg is usually calm. However, there is a growing problem not related to law enforcement; instead, it is a concern of animal welfare organizations.

Many members of the community are not aware of the growing feral (abandoned) cat problem within the city limits of Ellensburg.

Central student, Karen Collignon-Foley devote most of her spare time to catching the feral cats and finding homes for these homeless felines.

"I have been catching feral cats since January 2002 when my husband and I stopped at a fast food restaurant in town and saw five kittens hiding in the bushes. People had been feeding them hot sauce and leftovers. I contacted the shelter in town, but their small staff could not do anything about it," Collignon-Foley said.

Collignon-Foley has caught about 38 cats since she began her quest to control the increasing population of abandoned cats. She does her trapping at night because that is when the cats seem to come out.

Money for the felines' care comes out of her own pocket, including money for the traps that she uses to catch the wild cats and the food she feeds them.

"There are a lot of people and groups trying to keep the feral cat problem under control, but Karen is unusual in her efforts in that she doesn't let anything stop finding homes for



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

Central Washington Student Karen Collignon-Foley scours the streets of Ellensburg to rescue wild cats and find good homes for them.

the cats," Dr. Ron Martin, the veterinarian who treats Collignon-Foley's cats, said.

If a cat is truly feral, it is difficult to pet it and its mannerisms are wild. Feral cats usually like to be left alone and should not be treated as domesticated cats. This is why it is so hard to find homes for them.

"They make great mousers and have been placed on farms and homes out of this area due to the simple fact that I can't find anyone here to take them," Collignon-Foley said. "I still have five to catch that have been seen. Fortunately, I have an appointment at the Seattle Spay/Neuter Project to

have five altered for free."

Shelter is run from funds provided by the local police department. With funding cutbacks, the shelter cannot donate any money to Collignon-Foley's cause.

"I had no idea that there was a cat problem in Ellensburg, but it's good to know there are people in our community who care," Johanna Knapp, elementary education major, said.

Any students or community members who are interested in helping with the feral cat problem or who would like to rescue a cat should contact Karen via email. Her address is lkn4Cats@aol.com.

## WRITING: Center aims to improve student's skills

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the Writing Center, stresses that the tutors' job is not to edit papers for a better grade, although this is sometimes an outcome of the tutoring process; rather, it is to improve the students' writing skills.

"The mission of the writing center is to aid in the development of student writing," Harper said. "The focus is on selective skills in the writing process."

The Writing Center has many repeat 'customers.' Leslie Chamberlain, freshman tourism man-

agement major, visited the center twice this quarter.

"Both tutors helped me a lot and weren't afraid to tell me where I needed to improve," Chamberlain said. "They helped me see different ways of writing."

Each quarter, the Writing Center holds an "Excellence in Writing" workshop series, which includes workshops such as "Summary Writing: the Summit of Skills" and "Sentences that Kick: Predicating Your Thoughts." These mini-seminars are taught on weekday afternoons and last about an hour. Rob Schnelle, English instructor and center coordi-

nator, conducts many of the workshops and vouches for their popularity.

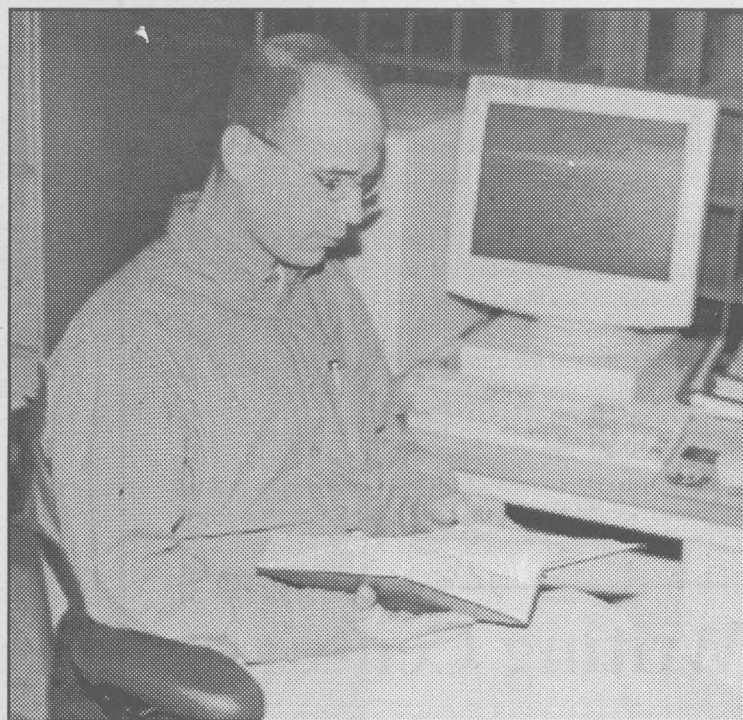
"We've received a lot of positive responses from people who have attended," Schnelle said. "We try to make the workshops directly applicable to assignments students are working on."

The Writing Center also has an extensive Web site with resources for writers and background information on the center, including a schedule of when workshops will be held. The URL is <http://www.cwu.edu/~writing-center>.

Students wanting to do Internet research or touch-up a paper may use one of the center's four networked computers.

Tutoring appointments, which last 20 to 25 minutes, are made by signing up in person or by calling. Michelle Kenney, office assistant for the center, suggests that students make their appointments long in advance, as time slots may no longer be available a few days before an appointment is needed.

"I always encourage students to make their appointments a week ahead if they think they'll need a paper looked at," Kenney said. "And it's a good idea to make the appointment a few days before the paper is due, so you have time to make revisions."



Michael Bennett/Observer

John Ashton, an English teaching assistant and tutor, helps out students in the writing center located in Hebeler Hall.

Although making an appointment is strongly encouraged, Kenney said that drop-ins will be helped if tutors are available. Students interested in the workshops should sign up for them at least a week in advance, as space is limited.

The Writing Center is open

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in Hebeler Hall room 218.

To make an appointment or sign up for a workshop, call 963-1296, write to Michelle Kenney at [kennym@cwu.edu](mailto:kennym@cwu.edu) or visit the center in person.

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# New library services cater to students' convenience

by George Hawley  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's library has several new benefits and programs designed to make the library more convenient for students in Ellensburg as well as the various university centers. These include a service called UC Checkout, new library Web site features and new copy machines.

Students at Central's university centers now have the same access to the Central library as students on the Ellensburg campus. A new program, UC Checkout, will allow students at the university centers to request books, articles and periodicals owned by the Central library to be mailed to their homes. The student mails the materials back when finished. This service can be accessed from the library's Web site.

"This service will allow all CWU students to have the same level of service regardless of where they are at," Gerard Hogan, coordinator of reference services, said. "Now a student at SeaTac has access to the same materials as a student in Ellensburg."

Also new to the library Web site is the ability for students to create their own account and have their own personalized Web page. It takes about five minutes for students to customize their own page and choose links to the different library databases, resources and campus links they visit often.



Alana Pierce/Observer

The library has expanded its services to cater to students at the Ellensburg campus and university centers.

This is more convenient for students who only use a few of the Web site's resources. This feature can be accessed by going to 'My Library' on the library's Web page, [www.lib.cwu.edu](http://www.lib.cwu.edu).

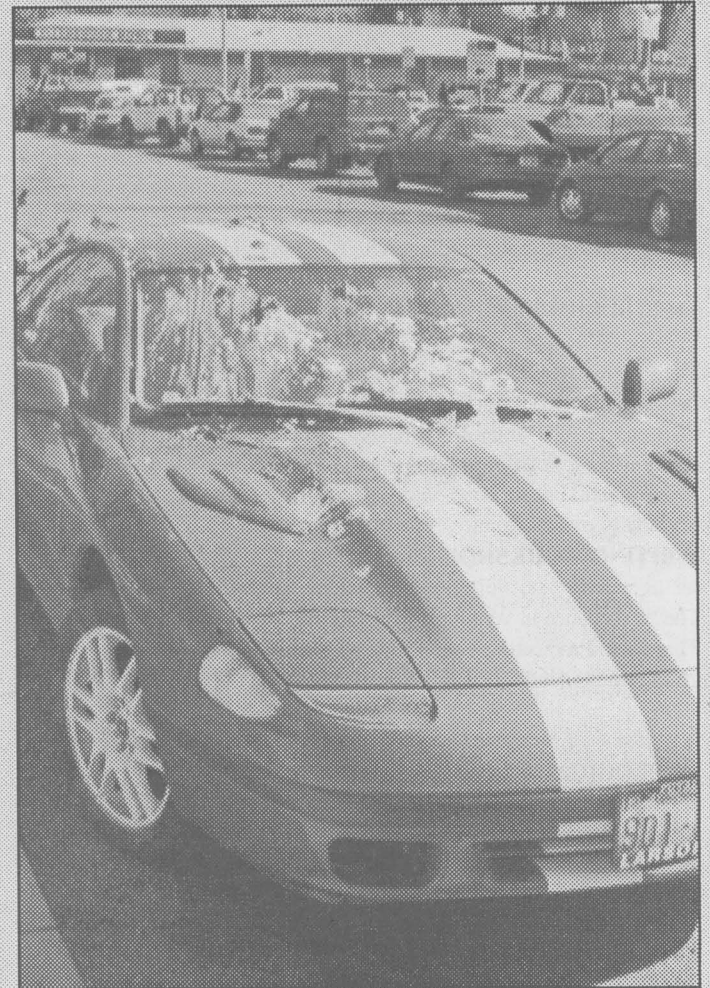
"This software is available to anyone who wants to download it," John Creech, systems librarian, said.

The Fish Bowl section of the library has recently received new copy machines designed to be more convenient for students. The new

machines now accept Central Connection Cards with an activated general debit account. A coin operated machine is still available for students without an account.

"To activate your account, dial 2711 from any campus phone to reach the Connection Card office," Linda Bush, administrative assistant, said. "Just ask for a general debit account. This will allow you to put money on your card. This is different from a meal plan."

## Anyone for leftovers?



Michael Bennett/Observer

A Central Washington University student's car was vandalized sometime Tuesday morning. Remnants of nachos, pizza, cake, pasta and salad covered the Dodge Stealth parked near Bouillon Hall. Police are running fingerprints on evidence found at the scene in order to identify the culinary culprit.

## GET TO KNOW THE BOD.....



Megan Fuhlman

**This week's featured officer:**  
Megan Fuhlman  
Vice President for Student Life and Facilities

**Class standing:**  
First year senior

**Goal after graduation:**  
To teach kindergarten for a couple of years and then head to graduate school to study Educational Leadership and possibly get into student affairs/residence life.

**Hobbies:** Traveling, attending performance arts events (musicals, plays, opera, etc.), crafty projects, reading, watching movies, hanging out with friends, etc.

**Quotes to live by:** "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." --Lao-tzu and "Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school." --Albert Einstein

**Favorite TV shows:** Will & Grace, Friends, and Sex & The City

**CD currently in stereo:** Something Corporate-Leaving Through the Window

**Biggest accomplishment:** Performing in the Vagina Monologues to raise money for charities. It was such an awesome experience!

**Single?** Yes - someday my prince will come :)

**Something you don't know about me:** I sport 9 piercings. (6 in my ears, 1 in my nose, 1 in my eyebrow, and 1 in my tongue.)

**Interested in running as next year's Vice president for Student Life and Facilities? Megan's advice:** "Come and chat with me! This job is very fun! I have learned so much about how the university works and have been very involved with the SUB/Rec project. I would love to share all information I can to anyone who's interested."

Contact Megan at 963-1697 or [fuhrmanm@cwu.edu](mailto:fuhrmanm@cwu.edu)

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### MEETINGS: 2/20-2/26

Thursday, February 20

- Washington Student Lobby (WSL)  
3:30 p.m. in SUB 206-7

- Funds Council  
4 p.m. in SUB 116

Tuesday, February 25

- SUB - REC project committee  
3 p.m., location TBA

- ASCWU Board of Directors (BOD)  
6 p.m. in SUB pit

*Feel free to bring any and all student issues and concerns to our weekly BOD meetings. Everyone is welcome!*

Wednesday February 26

- Equity & Services Council  
3 p.m. in SUB 209

### 2003 CWU Parents & Family Weekend



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**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**

10 a.m. • Club Central  
\$8 per person



## Wildcat news bites

by Observer staff

### BACK COUNTRY WINTER SAFETY

The Campus Community-Building Project, Central Paws, will present Sgt. Fred Slyfield of the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office who will give a speech on backcountry winter safety at 12:15 p.m. on Friday Feb. 21 in the Samuelson Union Building's (SUB) Club Central.

### FILM SERIES

The Progressive Student Union will sponsor a 1990s musical-documentary, "Latcho Drom," at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 in Black Hall room 151. The film, part of PSU's ongoing film series, is about the Rom/Gypsies from Western India to Western Europe. The next film will be shown on March 4.

### WRITING WORKSHOP

The "Excellence in Writing" Workshop Series will feature "Sentences That Kick: Predicating Your Thoughts," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 26 in Hebel Hall room 216. Sign up in person or by phone at 963-1296.

### GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR

Jody Bourgeois will be presenting "Tsunami Deposits on Kamchatka: A Window into Subduction-Zone Earthquakes" at noon on Feb. 28 in Lind Hall room 215. Refreshments will be provided.

### EVERY WOMAN HAS A STORY

The Center for Student Empowerment is collecting stories from writers in the community about women in their lives. The stories will be part of "Every Woman has a Story" from March 3 to 7 in the Chief Owhi Room. Contact Alyssa Walz at 963-2127 for more information.

### CAMP EXPERIENCE

Camp Kiloqua representatives will be on campus March 6 in the SUB with information and interviews about spring and summer positions. Available positions include counselors, lifeguards, horse specialists and unit coordinators. Kiloqua is located one hour north of Seattle and is set on 185 acres of lakefront forest. It caters to children from first through 12th grades. For more information contact Career Services or visit [www.campfireusasnohomish.org/campjobs](http://www.campfireusasnohomish.org/campjobs).

### REGISTRAR DEADLINES

Tomorrow is the last day to change classes as a credit/no credit option and to apply for an uncontested withdrawal. Also, priority registration will be available to those eligible. For others, early registration for spring quarter will begin on Monday, Feb. 24. Call the registrar's office at 963-3001 for more information.

# Central students make a change with quarters

A Central group is asking students to dig into their pockets, look under the couch cushions and break open their piggy banks to help out a good cause

by Ryan Knee  
Staff reporter

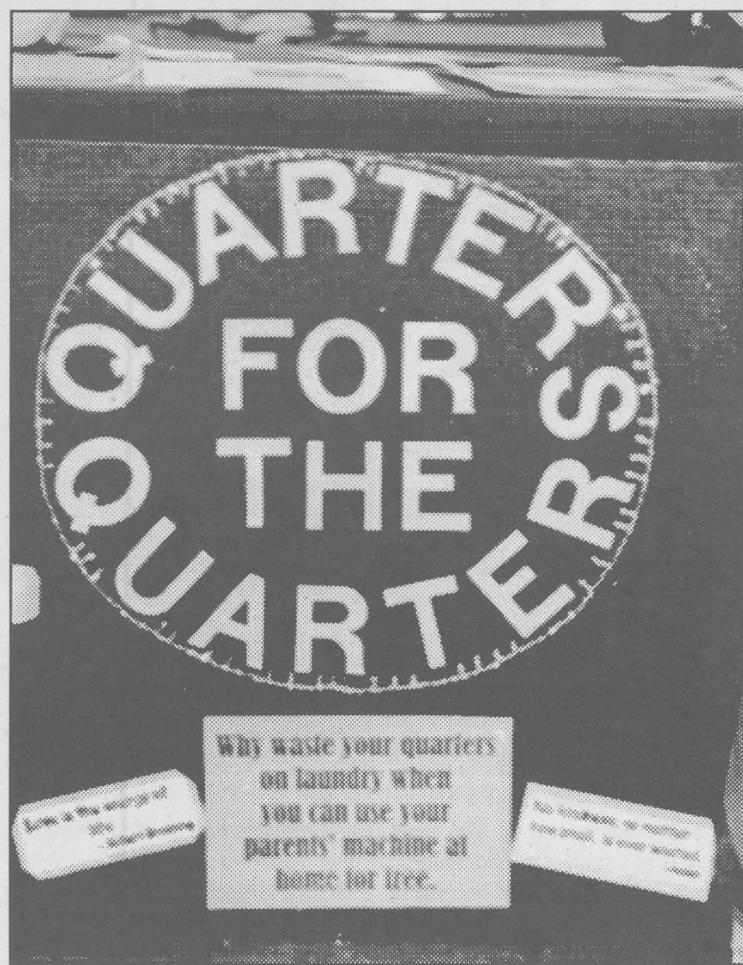
It is probably safe to say that most Central Washington University students have an extra quarter laying around somewhere, even with a college student's budget. For those who do have some extra money, there is an inexpensive way to help the community.

The Service-Learning and Volunteer Center and College Democrats are working on a project to raise money for Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now (ASPEN), the local women's shelter and for local elementary schools. The project is called Quarters for the Quarter.

If every student donated just one quarter to the cause, the groups would raise \$1,795 for the two organizations. The project is headed by Janelle Oreschnigg and Annie Majsterek of the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center.

"Our campus needs to give back to the community," Oreschnigg said. "Why not contribute; it's a good cause."

The fundraiser has taken in more than \$100 in the last week and organ-



Matt Ackerman/Observer

Look for the donation box in the SUB room 211 to donate quarters or any other denomination of money to support local charities and schools.

izers hope to bring in even more.

Anyone interested can bring their donations to the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center located in Samuelson Union Building room 211. The fundraiser is scheduled to continue through spring quarter.

"We aren't discriminating against any money," Majsterek said. "We will gladly accept money other than quarters."

The College Democrats, co-sponsors of the project, will use the money raised for the elementary schools to

buy books to donate.

The money donated to ASPEN will go to women in the community who are in difficult domestic situations and need help.

"Many times victims leave their situations with nothing more than the clothes on their back and a baby in their arms," Melissa Knott, prevention specialist from ASPEN, said. "The money will be used to provide food vouchers from Safeway, phone cards and many other daily necessities."

## Look no further for an eye-care bargain

by Megan Wade  
Asst. News editor

Many students can't afford adequate health insurance, some have no insurance at all, and inexpensive health care is hard to come by.

On Feb. 24, the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic will welcome a fourth-year intern, Scott Chepulis, who will provide eye exams for a mere \$5.

Chepulis, who received his medical training at the Illinois College of Optometry, will be in Ellensburg until May 10. Each exam will last approximately 45 minutes and will cover diagnosis and corrections pertaining to areas such as routine eye care, pediatric care, acute care, and fitting contact lenses.

A member of the Ellensburg Rotary Club, Bob Davis, and doctor of optometry at the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic, wanted to use his resources to give back to the community. He discovered the intern-

ship program would be a great way to do that.

"It's a win-win situation," Davis said. "He gets the hours he needs and in return people get an inexpensive exam."

For those without insurance coverage, a comprehensive eye exam usually costs around \$130 at the clinic.

"This will be a great opportunity for students and other residents of the area who have not received a check-up in a while to catch up and hopefully correct any problems before they progress," Chepulis said.

For students who spend hours reading textbooks for classes, proper eye care can be especially important.

"Vision is so critical to learning, and hopefully we can find someone we can help," Davis said. "We hope we are making a little bit of difference."

Call the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic at 925-1000 for more information or to schedule an appointment with Chepulis.

## PEACE: Central reservists deployed for possible war

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slogans are an easy trap, the best thing is to let them know they are cared for and supported and that we want them brought home safely. The safest thing is not to send them there in the first place, however, and not forget that the policy that they are presently there for is not supported."

Most students on campus may not have felt a direct personal impact of the possible war yet, but 18 Central students have already been deployed.

Cottonwood questions how students can notice empty desks and watch their friends, loved ones or even classmate leaving and not ask themselves what is it for.

NTGM is known on campus mainly as a snowboarding club, but co-president Lars Bergquist, gradu-

ate secondary art education major, wants students to realize the group is also involved with political issues. NTG expanded on the snowboard, skateboard and surf culture through art, music, films and political and social awareness.

"We brought all these elements in and created a sub-culture movement where people are interested in the same lifestyle and attitude," Bergquist said. "These kind of things (marches, rallies, gatherings) need to occur on a more frequent basis. We need to really get out into the public eye and really show what is going on, these opinions can't be contained."

The overall message of the people who participated in the peace march and rally can perhaps be summed up in a single phrase displayed a six-year-old girl's sign, which stated "It's OK To Not Want This War."

### WAR POLL

Recent polls show Americans support an invasion of Iraq.

• **63%** of Americans support an invasion of Iraq. **37%** said they will not change their minds.

• **34%** of Americans are opposed to an invasion of Iraq. **14%** said they will not change their minds.

However, Americans would be unwilling to invade without a new vote by the United Nations.

• **57%** of Americans oppose an invasion of Iraq without a U.N. vote authorizing the action.

Source: CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll



# Make planning a priority



Shane Cleveland  
News editor

by Shane Cleveland  
News editor

It was inevitable. I have denied it for twenty-two years now, but it is time to break the plate.

That's right, I am getting ready to head off into the real world. There will be no more calls home asking for a little extra money to make it through the week, or trying to come up with an excuse to get more beer money. No more weekends home to do the laundry and stock up on food. No more Christmas breaks, spring breaks or extended summer vacations. Sounds like I should have gone into the ed program, or better yet become a career student.

I will graduate this spring and while I look forward to having a job that pays more than minimum wage and doing new things, compared to college life I am afraid it is going to really suck. I think there is a good reason that friends who are not in school come and visit us in Ellensburg to raise hell for a weekend before heading back to reality.

What I am really afraid of though is actually finding that job. My never-ending string of good luck has converged my graduation with a recession and a increasing unemployment rate. Perfect.

Maybe they could use a grunt laborer for the new buildings going up on campus, and then I could at least pretend I was still in school.

To get back to my point, (and yes, I do have one) despite what I have told you so far, don't prolong your graduation as long as possible. However, that might be a good idea too, depending on your circum-

stances.

You see, tomorrow I will register for classes for the last time — that's right, for once I will be in the first group allowed to register. Never again will I be able to give my good friend REGI a call and plan my life for another three months. Oh yeah, my point ... so as I embark on this red-letter day in history, I would like to inject a bit of wisdom for you young folks on how to make sure your college days run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Never listen to anybody, except YOUR advisor, about what classes to take. Of course, if someone tells you about a professor that is easy or hard — take and avoid those classes accordingly. People can be stupid and taking their advice will make you stupid as well.

I am one of these stupid people and I have taken several classes for what now seems to be my own health. Requirements change almost every year. If you do take advice from other students make sure they entered school at the same time as you or that the requirements have not changed.

Be proactive about seeing your advisor. Or in other words, bother the hell out of her. Always go to them with a problem or to make sure something is acceptable. I have dealt with about five professors just this year while trying to get my ass out of here (or get my parents off my ass about getting out of here, whichever way you look at it), and in the end I was back in my advisor's office and she saved my life. If you talk to your advisor enough you can avoid having to go through your whole academic background every time you need advice. Also, advisors can clearly see what you will need in the future.

But with as much knowledge as

they may have, they might not always have your whole picture. They deal with a lot of people and might lead you down the wrong path.

Be knowledgeable about the ton of requirements for graduation. The sooner you start planning, the better off you will be. You might end up saving yourself a lot of time, money and if nothing else, frustration. Know what is required of you and understand it. Find out when classes are offered. You don't want to get stuck around here for another quarter or two because you haven't taken a class that is only offered once a year.

Never assume you are right if you're not sure. Check out inconsistencies with your advisors and question what they tell you if you do not understand or if you think they might be wrong.

Last, be aware of the effect of possible budget cuts on your department. Less money could mean fewer faculty and even fewer classes offered. This will make it much more important to

know when specific classes are offered. If you have already been planning your schedules ahead of time, make sure those classes are still being offered. Just because you pay moe tuition every year doesn't mean you will get more (or even the same) in return.

I know in my department there already are problems. I think someone might want to ask Webster to change the definition of elective or start referring to elective courses as "classes you have to take that are never offered."

Wait, one last tip. Play the lottery.

Alright, enough of the serious stuff. If anyone has any great ideas for my last spring break, please let me know.

I'll see you all on the outside.

“Be proactive about seeing your advisor. Or in other words, bother the hell out of her.”

— Shane Cleveland

## Leadership: CEL to host end of year banquet to recognize Central's leaders

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ees and volunteers as they develop activities,” Fountain said.

The activities being developed are lectures, displays, classroom presentations and campus-wide panel discussions.

Fountain said they are designed to educate the greater Central campus in various leadership skills such as adjusting to change, communication, conflict resolution, diversity, gender roles, group dynamics, leadership styles and skills, problem solving, stress management, team building and time management.

CEL is working in a number of areas including offering four \$1,000 scholarships, establishing an Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) circle at Central (a nationally-recognized leadership honor society), Coffee for Your Career, an Honoree Dessert and an Evening of Recognition.

This week, Central juniors and

“My goal is... to deliver a comprehensive, premier leadership development program for the students of CWU.”

— Jennifer Fountain

seniors with a 3.0 grade point average should have received an invitation in the mail to join the ODK. The first informational meeting will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, in the Samuelson Union Building's (SUB) Yakama Room.

The Coffee for Your Career event invites Central alumni on campus to share their professional experience. The Vice President for Human Resources for the Mariners will be coming to campus in April to discuss her position with students.

CEL is also sponsoring the sixth annual awards banquet to honor Central leaders. Nominated staff, students and community members will meet to receive awards on May 22.

“Subsequently, the ‘winner’ from each award will be identified and celebrated at the Evening of Recognition on June 5,” Fountain said. “This year's theme will be a Mardi Gras celebration where we ‘unmask the leaders.’”

Nomination forms will be available at the CEL office, SUB 104, or on its Web site, [www.cwu.edu/~cel](http://www.cwu.edu/~cel).

For information about the four scholarships, go to [www.cwu.edu/~scholar](http://www.cwu.edu/~scholar).

CEL can also be contacted at 963-1524.

## Scholarship Announcements

### HEALTH PROFESSIONS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Individuals enrolled in a Federally recognized tribe are eligible for the Health Professions Scholarship. Members of federal or state recognized tribes or a descendant from a grandparent or parent who are enrolled in a federal or state recognized tribe are eligible for the Health Preparatory Scholarship and the Health Pregraduate Scholarship. Awarded amounts are subject to the availability of funds. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28 and information and applications are available in the Scholarship Office.

### WASHINGTON STATE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

Assorted scholarships and grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are available through the Washington State Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Eligible applicants must be a woman, U.S. citizen, Washington resident for more than two years, demonstrate financial need and scholastic ability and accepted into a program or course of study in Washington state school. The deadline to apply is March 15. Detailed information and applications for each scholarship is available in the Scholarship Office.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The Arlington-Stanwood branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will award two scholarships of \$1,050 each. Eligible applicants must be women residents of Arlington, Stanwood or the Camino Island area, or a graduate of Arlington or Stanwood High Schools and have completed two years of college by June 2003 with plans to continue upper division or graduate work in the fall. The deadline to apply is March 31. Applications are available in the Scholarship Office.

The Wenatchee branch of the AAUW will award a \$1,000 scholarship on the basis of merit and need. Eligible applicants must be women who have completed 60 credits at Wenatchee Valley Community College and are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at a four-year Washington state institution. The deadline to apply is March 31. Applications are available in the Scholarship Office.

### JOHN GYLES EDUCATION AWARDS

The John Gyles Education Awards will present a scholarship of up to \$3,000. Eligible applicants must be U.S. or Canadian citizens, an undergraduate or graduate with a minimum grade point average of 2.7. Criteria other than academic ability and financial need are considered. The deadlines to apply are April 1, June 1 and Nov. 15. To request an application call 506-459-7460.

For additional information and scholarship opportunities go to Central Washington University's Scholarship Office in Barge Hall room 102 or visit [www.cwu.edu/~scholar](http://www.cwu.edu/~scholar).

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# Opinion

## OBSERVANCE

### One more story about the vagina

No matter what is said in defense of Shane Cleveland's editorial, "Not another vagina story," from last week's issue, I am sure to be scolded, stereotyped or even lynched by a portion of the overzealous female readers of the Observer.

Maybe there is a little bit of bitterness in my heart after spending Valentine's Day at home alone with a broken knee and the flu. But the extra time on the couch left me with plenty of time to contemplate women and their games.

Though stated with sarcasm and humor, included in the underbelly of Cleveland's editorial was a clear message: Women have the ability to sway the power of the genders in the United States.

Women could have taken the message as a compliment. Instead the editorial was labeled as another example of objectification, stereotyping and a double standard directed toward those with vaginas.

Ignored was the acknowledgement that women are slowly taking over the workforce in sports, cinema and before long, the White House. Why do women beg for equality in the workforce, then complain when they get jobs, even if the hiring is based on looks? Men get jobs all the time while possessing little to no skill.

As a sign of the times, women outnumber men at Central Washington University. Across the country the number of women in college are increasing. These numbers are reflected into the workforce. The facts support Cleveland's theory — women are slowly but surely taking over the world.

To say that women are the subject of a societal pressure to look good for men is a bunch of bull. Does anyone really believe if women stopped fake-n-baking, starving themselves, primping and getting boob jobs, men would lose their sex drive? I think not. Men are born with two primal instincts — eat and reproduce.

Several letters to the editor have been received in response to the "Not another vagina story" editorial. With exception to one, the letters were, not surprisingly, written by women.

Everyone has the right to an opinion. But in questioning Cleveland's integrity by stereotyping him as a horny sports fan, or questioning his maturity and family values, aren't these people stooping to the low they questioned in the first place?

Remarkably, all of the letters published this week about Cleveland's opinion are from Central faculty members. An observant reader might also notice the letters came from individuals of the Department of Theatre Arts. Were the letters a cry for attention? Or do these people think the "Vagina Monologues" is the real issue at hand?

Students should expect a little more class from those setting an example of the "Wildcat Way."

My congratulations to each of these readers for missing a piece of thought-provoking entertainment, and their own point.

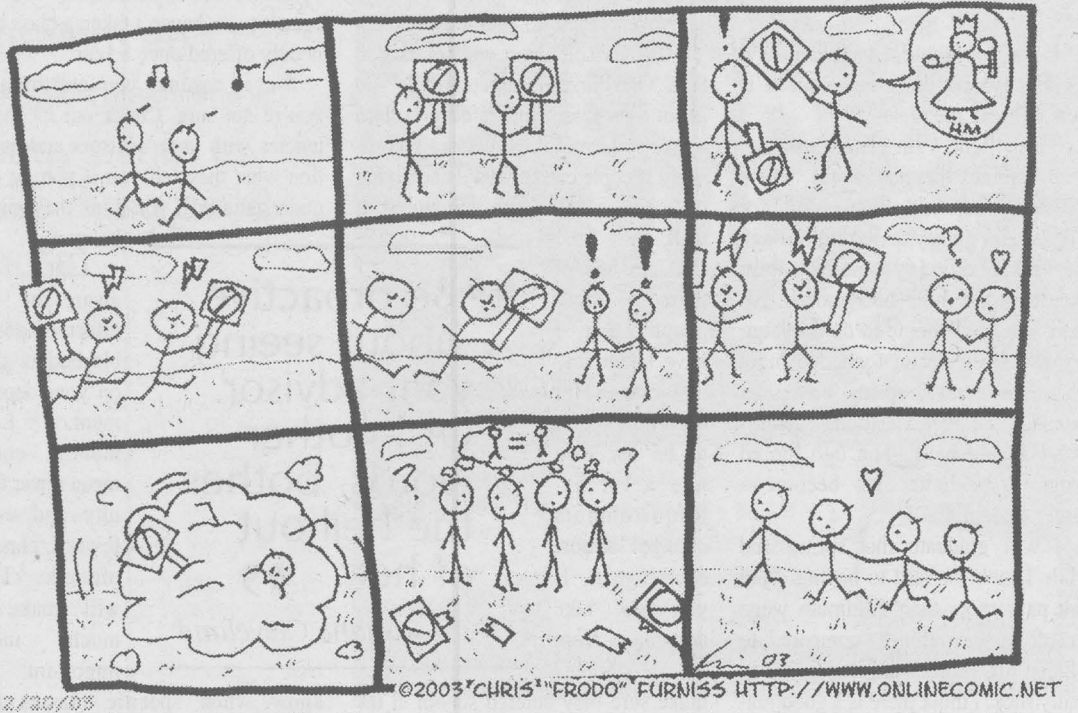
— Casey Steiner

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Strike three, you are out of there

Congratulations to Mr. Cleveland on completely missing:

- 1) a fabulous evening of touching, thought-provoking entertainment
- 2) the opportunity to move beyond the objectification of women
- 3) the point

My sympathies go out to your mother.

Leslee Caul  
Department of Theatre Arts

### In support of Coach Baldwin

This letter is in response to Rachel Wiersma's article, "Coach leaves Central behind." First and foremost, why in the hell would you, the Sports editor, "hate college

sports?" Especially when it seems to me that you know nothing about football, sports and, least of all, Beau Baldwin. Not only was your article filled with misinformation, you seem to have no concept of his situation at all.

I have been a quarterback at Central for the past four years and I consider it an honor to have been coached by Beau Baldwin. He has been in Ellensburg for the past 12 years and has been dedicated to the betterment of our football team; coaching the quarterbacks and receivers. Eastern, a Division I-AA program, has offered him a promotion to be the offensive coordinator. As much as I will miss him, it is an opportunity he cannot pass up, and I told him so. I was able to tell him so because he kept us all apprised of his situation throughout the hiring process, despite what your article said about us not knowing about his decision.

Coach Baldwin is a straightforward person who got an excellent

opportunity and he went after it. As his friend and former player, I will always wish him the best. Except next season when we play Eastern.

Dale Chase  
senior  
Elementary Education

### Women are not to be objectified

I am writing to comment on Shane Cleveland's editorial, "Not another vagina story." I am going to give Shane the benefit of the doubt and suggest he was just trying to be funny. His piece, however, trivialized the intent and meaning of the "Vagina Monologues" and reminded me of the fact that "we have definitely not come a long way, baby." Women's real power is not commanded by what is

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# ON THIS DATE

Feb. 20, 1962

From Cape Canaveral, Fla., John Hershel Glenn Jr. was successfully launched into space aboard the Friendship 7 spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.

In an effort to catch up with the Russians in the technological race, the United States needed a multi-orbital flight before another Soviet space advance arrived.

At a speed of about 17,500 mph Glenn orbited Earth three times before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean.

Glenn was hailed as a national hero, and on Feb. 23 President John F. Kennedy visited him at Cape Canaveral. He later addressed Congress and was given a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

## LAUGH LAB

An angel appeared in a university faculty meeting and told the dean that in return for his exemplary behavior, the Lord would award him with his choice of infinite wealth, wisdom or beauty. Without hesitating the dean selected infinite wisdom.

"Done," the angel said, then disappeared.

The other faculty members looked at the dean, who was surrounded by a halo of light.

One colleague sighed and said, "Say something wise."

The dean sighed and said, "I should have taken the money."

## LAUGH AGAIN

A kid called home from college to ask his Mom for more money. She said that she would send him the money and asked if he would like her to send his calculus book that he left behind when he visited her two weeks prior.

"Um, sure, whatever," the boy said.

So she wrapped up the book along with the checks in a package and went to the post office to mail it.

When she returned home, her husband asked, "Well, how much did you send him this time?"

"Oh, I wrote him two checks. One is for \$20 and the other is for \$1,000," she said.

"That's \$1,020!" yelled her husband. "Are you crazy?"

"Oh don't worry," she said, "I taped the \$20 check to the cover of his book, but I put the \$1000 check somewhere in chapter 19."

# LETTERS

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"between their legs," but what is in their minds, hearts and souls as they battle a patriarchal culture that is always reminding women that to be valued they must be: (a) pretty, (b) young, (c) a thing and (d) spread their legs.

Women will rule the world when they stop finding glib young men who objectify and demean them cute. Your idea of women "manipulating men" in order to achieve some ultimate "power" is more a sign of your own insecurity than it is an accurate characterization of what most women want.

It really is too bad that you did not see the "Vagina Monologues" because if you had, you might have learned how to avoid writing such an immature and trivial editorial.

And lastly, to refer to women as "COUGHslutCOUGH," is again another example of the double standard that stigmatizes women for being sexually active while at the same time making it a male prerogative to engage in similar sexual behavior. These notions are exploitive, misogynistic and offensive. Next time, do your homework Shane or write about something you really know about instead of taking cheap shots to impress your horny, sports-watching buddies.

Brenda Hubbard

Department of Theatre Arts

## Women are not laughing

Just what is Mr. Cleveland "catching on to?" He seems to be stuck in the same misogynistic rut that a lot of men in our culture are in. Does he have an aversion to enlightenment? Why, if he is so interested in vaginas, did he not attend the production? Was he too busy watching TV anchors and fantasizing about Pamela Anderson and becoming a horse saddle that he just couldn't possibly take the time to hear women speak their truth? It is ignorance that puts false labels on all of us. If this was intended to be funny, women who are constantly objectified are not laughing.

Tim Stapleton

Department of Theatre Arts

## Wheels are not the problem

I agree with the problem, but your solution isn't a solution at all, but a bigger problem. Banning vans, limiting cyclists and segregating skateboarders; what else can Central do to make your surroundings more appealing? Maybe white-only lunch times and colored drinking fountains? When will everyone realize that the problem is not them, but you, me and others that walk?

Those service vans, the ones you almost never see during

high-traffic times because they can't get anywhere. Yeah, I hate it that they follow the rules, that they only go two to five miles per hour and I walk faster than them, and when they wait for 10 minutes for people who hurry to get in front of it instead of waiting and letting them turn.

As one leaves to go north, south, east or west all they see is a throng of people walking without a clue to what is going on around them. Of course bicycles are going to weave in and out to get somewhere. I have seen less confusion in malls, airports and sidewalks in New York than here at Central.

The comments about off-campus riding should have no effect on campus laws, they shouldn't even be considered together in my opinion since you can ride much more freely in the streets than on campus. The speeds some cyclists go is quick, but I doubt most can manage 10 miles per hour much less 15 miles per hour during these high-traffic times. It is a problem, but how many times have they flown by and you wished you had one too?

Everyone has a problem with skateboarders, yet they don't affect you in any way. Their wheels are loud, so what? Since when has a skateboarder's trick hurt anyone but themselves?

People scream for equality and in the same breath moan to be better than someone else. It's sad but almost fitting to hear an argument for supremacy of one group over another during African American history month. We have learned nothing. It's not the vans or the bikes, not even the skateboards, but the walkers that are causing the problems. Stop being ignorant to others and the surroundings and you wouldn't have the problem with the pathway.

Brian Allen

junior

Secondary Education - English

## Forgiveness not granted to anal copulators

Thank you for your piece on our picketing ministry. Our mission is to publish, not convert. God alone controls the heart.

One theme you strike is the thought that God forgives sinners so it's perfectly fine to make a religion out of anal copulation. That lie stands salvation on its head and makes grace meaningless.

I Corinthians 6:1 says if you stay in a life of sin you won't go to heaven. One writer admits this passage then glibly concludes that everyone is welcome at the cross. NOT! Only those who are remorseful and STOP THE SIN are welcome at the cross. That passage, talking to the people in the church at Corinth, says "such WERE some of you" (1 Corinthians 6:11) not "such STILL ARE some of you."

These filthy creatures do not want forgiveness. If they did they would quit indulging and bragging about their sin. What they want, instead, is to dupe the spiritual simpletons of America into embracing them while they have sex with feces every night!

Margie Phelps

Westboro Baptist Church

## Wheels can be necessary

I must disagree with the article "Walking should be easy," in the Feb. 13th edition of the Observer. I don't know many people who live in mortal fear while walking to class because of bicycles, skateboards, Rollerblades and service vehicles.

People who opt for a faster mode of transportation to get through campus have a good reason. I know far too many people who have a class at Farrell or Nicholson immediately followed by a class in Black or Bouillon with only 10 minutes to get there. This is a Herculean task for those on foot.

Skateboarding is not a crime, period. The reason why many places ban skateboarding is because of skateboarders practicing tricks that end up damaging property. The consensus the school made as far as I know is that as long as there isn't any damage to school property due to practicing tricks, skateboarders and rollerbladers are welcome on campus, and I couldn't agree more.

The service vehicles are here to serve us. The people who are driving them have a job to do, whether it be custodial making sure that the dorms are sanitary, maintenance making sure that campus isn't falling apart or grounds making sure that a jungle isn't growing on campus. The people driving the service vehicles at times have to stop in the middle of the mall just so pedestrians can get through to their destinations.

When I hear the purr of an engine or the rumble that announces someone with wheels is behind me, I kindly move to the side of the path so that they may have more room to pass by. I have never been run into or run over, as the article seemed to suggest is commonplace.

Collisions do occur, but it's usually because of a bicyclist trying to keep his/her balance while going at excessively slow speeds because of pedestrian traffic slower than 3 miles per hour.

Erin Sheppard

junior

Physics Major

# THUMBS UP



"Thumbs up to Corona with a lime."

— Rachel Wiersma,  
Sports editor

"Thumbs up to half-page BOD ads, I always wondered what the Vice President for Clubs and Organization's favorite TV show and favorite color was."

— Jacob White,  
Asst. Scene editor

"Thumbs up to Irene Rinehart Park for being the only green in Ellensburg. It keeps me sane."

— Emily Ward,  
Design Consultant

"Thumbs up to the 300th episode of the Simpsons for being so gosh darn good."

— Susan Bunday,  
Scene editor

# THUMBS DOWN



"Thumbs down for not having the tennis court nets up in this nice weather."

— Shane Cleveland,  
News editor

"Thumbs down to ignorant people who think opposition to an Iraqi war is American-hating propaganda."

— Jen McDaniel,  
Staff reporter

"Thumbs down to Zora and her weak personal standards on the finale of Joe Millionaire. Apparently honesty is worth less than a half million dollars."

— Christine Page,  
Adviser/Business Manager

"Thumbs down to anal retentives."

— Rachel Wiersma,  
Sports editor

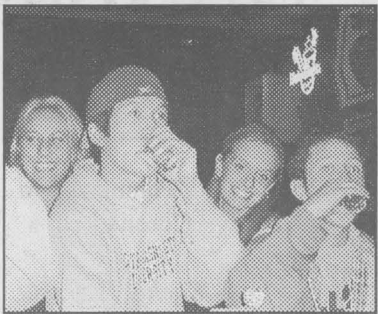
"Thumbs down to the mud and dust of the winter for ruining the look of my freshly washed car."

— Megan Wade,  
Asst. News editor

"Thumbs down to the new deli on Main Street for not serving half-sandwiches."

— Emily Bonden,  
Copy editor





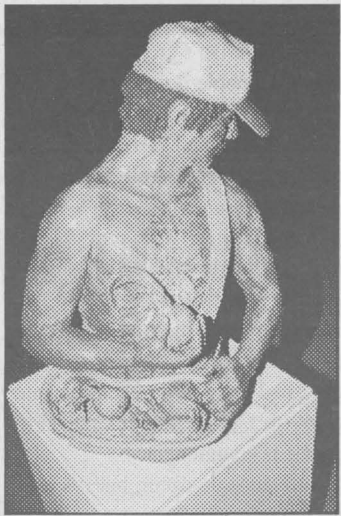
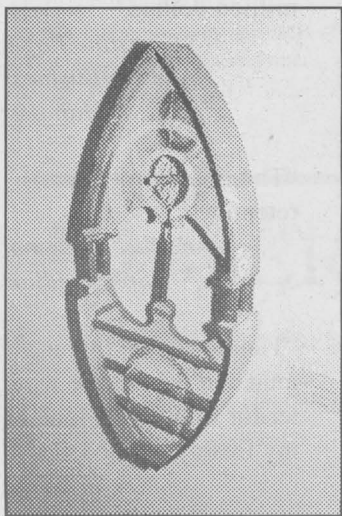
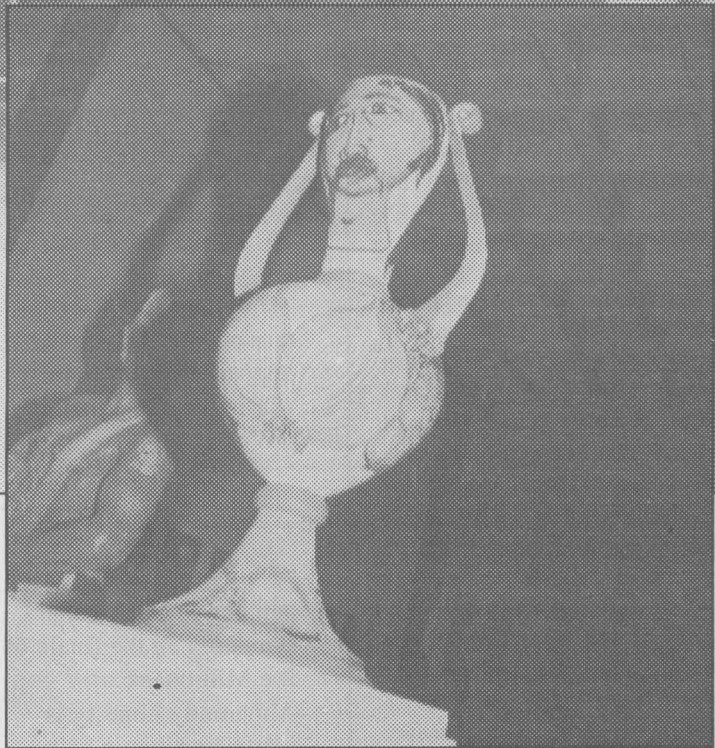
**Dancing with Dad**  
Live music at local bars is an entertainment option with Mom and Dad  
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# Scene

*Elevated Entertainment*



**Shop around the corner**  
Head downtown to Ellensburg's antique shops for a day activity with Mom  
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Photos by Michael Bennett/Observer

Paintings adorn the walls of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery faculty art exhibit (above). Exhibits include Ovido Giberga's "Judgement of Paris" (above, inset) and "After the Harvest" (right, inset) and Renee Adams' "Only What Works" (left, inset). The exhibit is a month-long event showcasing 18 Central faculty members.

## Faculty on display

Central's art department faculty has its creations on display in a month-long Spurgeon Gallery art exhibit.

by Shayne Bredesen  
Staff reporter

Classical music pours through Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. Paintings, photography, sculpture and even digital prints fill the gallery in the Central Washington University art department's faculty exhibition. The high ceilings and unique art are enough to make a person feel as though he or she has left Ellensburg and entered the sophisticated world of contemporary art.

"There is a real variety with the different type of work that comes out of here," Landon McAllister, junior computer art major, said.

The faculty art exhibition features the work of 18 Central faculty members, both current and retired. The exhibit, which will run until March 14, features not only paintings and sculptures, but also less tradition-

al mediums such as porcelain, jewelry, handmade books and paper, and ceramics.

"People should see this, both the students of Central Washington University and the community, because this represents what a very energetic art department faculty is doing," Jim Sahlstrand, professor emeritus and curator of the faculty art exhibition, said.

There are many diverse forms of art being exhibited. Glen L. Bach, associate professor of graphic design, created a reconstruction of ancient Chinese icons using a handheld Palm Pilot with a two-inch screen. Similarly, Assistant Professor Lisa Hutton used digital art to create her whimsical prints, one of which features a gazelle with wings. The diversity among the pieces helps to appeal to a wide crowd with unique interests.

"I like the piece 'In Waiting' by

Howard Barlow," Alan Pace, graduate student of art, said. "The combination of the grotesque spine and the knitted sock is humorous."

Barlow created the sculpture, "In Waiting," using wax, steel, an IV bag, knit wool and water. It features an IV bag with a knitted shell connected to a curved spine with knitted socks on the bottom.

To view "In Waiting," or any of the other faculty artwork, visit the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, which is located on the first floor of Randall Hall. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There is no admission fee.

"It would be interesting for any student to see the technical know-how of the pieces," Chad Dunham, junior computer art major, said. "Just by looking you can see the maturity of the artist and the level of detail."



# Saving students from police and boogie man

by Tyler Matney  
Staff reporter

Looming over every shot of vodka is the impending question of how to get home. In the cold winter months, a walk home from the bars is enough to make a drunk get behind the wheel.

Operating seven days per week, Safe Ride is a way to get home in one piece without the hassle of DUIs, MIPs or scary walks home in the dark.

Safe Ride has had its fair share of controversy. The most prominent question surrounding Safe Ride is whether it is a good way to spend student money. This question, and many others, have been answered by Safe Ride drivers.

*I sat down and talked with two of the Safe Ride drivers, Robert Bracco and Kevin Kirkman. Here is what they had to say.*

**Q: What's one of the funniest things you have ever had happen when you're driving?**

**Bracco:** Once last year my navigator and me found two people having sex in the back of the van. Yeah, we had to break that up. Last weekend, I think it was, some girl flashed us. We had just dropped her off and she lifted it up.

**Kirkman:** I can't beat that.

**Q: What's the best part of the job?**

**B:** I think the best part is the freedom we get. We are out there all by ourselves; no supervisors watching over us. We get to be outside, drive around; we don't have to be cooped up in an office. We get to meet a lot of people.

**K:** I think it's the people. Like when people get on and really want to be nice, they talk to you and stuff.

**Q: What's the worst part of the job?**

**B:** It would have to be the week-

ends when it's really, really, really busy, and there's a bunch of drunk people in the back and you're trying to talk on the phone and they are just yelling. Also, I hate telling people I can't take them somewhere, which really sucks. I wish we were able to take them anywhere, but we're just not. Turning people away is probably even worse than having to put up with the drunks yelling.

**K:** Yeah, I pretty much agree with Robert. I hate turning people away.

are days that are just pretty much picking up people who are studying.

**Q: How do you guys feel about the new no party, no bars rule?**

**B:** Well, it's not new. It's been in effect since Safe Ride started and it's just a liability issue. If I had it my way I would take people anywhere they wanted to go. But if people want Safe Ride to keep going, like I do, then people are going to have to do what the administration wants them to do.

But we try hard to lobby for things to change a little bit to make the students more happy, but we pretty much know that bars are going to be off-limits for as long as there are lawyers involved.

**Q: Do you guys mind the Safe Ride bus being called the "drunk bus?"**

**B:** I don't think the drivers mind too much, but the "higher-ups" do, because they don't want the idea that we're just taking drunken people around. This thing was supposed to be designed to be a kind of on-campus, from the library to your dorm, safe-ride-home-so-you-don't-have-to-walk kind of thing.

**Q: Can you think of any other funny stories you want to share?**

**B:** It's not really funny, but one time a rider tried to burn a driver. They tried to light his hair on fire. That was pretty funny after it was over. It's also pretty funny to get called by the sheriff to pick up someone who is in jail.

**K:** I heard a story once about a guy who dressed in an elf suit and jumped on the hood of the van. There was a car following the driver, and then the bus had to stop somewhere, and some guy jumped out of the car behind them and ran up and jumped on the hood. We have seen people in the scream mask, a monkey and a Spiderman costume. It was close to Halloween.



“A rider tried to burn a driver. They tried to light his hair on fire.”

— Robert Bracco

**Q: What's the worst thing that's ever happened when you were working?**

**B:** Well, our staff is pretty diverse, gender-wise and sexual orientation-wise, and people get drunk and start making comments; really nasty comments. The worst one was once when a guy started making homophobic comments and the guy that I was working with just wasn't having it. So we kicked him off and he started to get a little violent. We ended up calling the cops.

**Q: Who do you drive around more, drunks or people who are out studying?**

**B:** During the week it's probably half and half. Drunken people on weekdays are probably 40 percent of our calls.

**K:** Well, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; drunks. Thursdays, that's when I work, we don't get that many calls; it's usually nobody who is drunk.

The majority of the days, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, those

## She Said



Susan Bunday

*Question: I have been dating this guy for about five months now and have been hinting around at meeting his folks, but he always changes the subject. They are coming up for parent's weekend, but so far their plans of going out to dinner don't include me. Why won't he introduce me?*

**She Said:** Let's face it, guys are not observant. Nothing can be done to stop this; they are as pathetic as a fat guy doing aerobics. It's their nature to be idiots and wander blind through life, and it is our job as women to guide their every move. This is precisely the case.

Just like the first time you shouted "I'm fine!" and he took it literally, your boyfriend probably doesn't realize that he is being an ass. I bet he doesn't even see anything wrong with not introducing you to Mom and Dad. In his mind, he sees them as the two old coots that miraculously gave him life, so why would he want to put the one he loves (that's you, not the February issue of "Maxim") through the pain and agony of playing 20 questions with them?

Although you may have brought it up to him on numerous occasions and hinted beyond all comprehension that you are dying to meet them, he hasn't heard a word of it.

He (and all men for that matter) is so dense, you made need to write it in the sky. Turn off the stereo, turn off the TV and tell him you would really like to meet his parents. Tell him that it would make you happy if you could just have one meal in their presence and explain to him that you won't think less of him after seeing a picture of his first streaking attempt.

It's not his fault he's dense, men are all born that way. They learned it from their Dads and they will pass it on to their boys. It's a vicious cycle and we women must endure the drama it causes by making sure our feelings are as clear as a freshly Windexed window.



Jacob White

## He Said

**He Said:** Let's face it, you're most likely to blame. Whether it's the freshman 15 you've managed to pack on in the past five months or the constant stories about what happened on Joe Millionaire last week, your boyfriend is obviously embarrassed by you.

Before you go and develop your first eating disorder, don't worry, I can still help you. Whoever said that a way to a man's heart is through his stomach was a few inches off.

Despite all the shortcomings of women, God has leveled the playing field by blessing them with one thing that gives them complete control over men. As a colleague of mine put it "women pack a lot of power between their legs."

You said that you have asked your boyfriend about meeting his parents. Being the naive girl that you are, you no doubt asked him at an inopportune time when he was busy drinking a beer or watching the latest installment of "Girls Gone Wild." You must ask him about meeting his parents at the one time when you truly are the one thing he cares about, right before you "make love."

In the morning, your boyfriend may develop selective amnesia when you tell him how excited you are to meet his parents. Don't worry though, much like the endless cycle of hair care you go through every morning, you can repeat my plan as many times as necessary. Eventually he will not be able to deny his promises.

Be careful of what you wish for though. If you are unable to live up to the high expectations of your boyfriend's parents, he will have no choice but to leave you for a freshman — minus the fifteen.

*For any advice on questions you have about love, sex, friends and everything in between, write to "He Said, She Said" at [observer@cwu.edu](mailto:observer@cwu.edu).*

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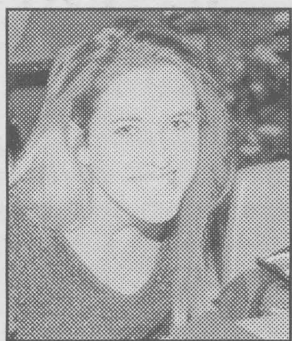


# Attack of the families

Families invade Central Washington University as Friday kicks off Parents and Family Weekend. For those worried about how to entertain their loved ones, Scene highlights the activities of the weekend

## You tell us

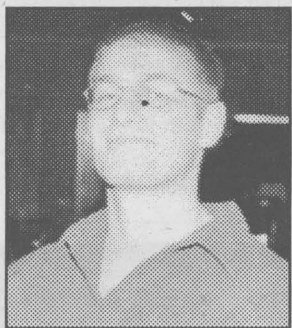
*What do you do when your parents come to town to visit you?*



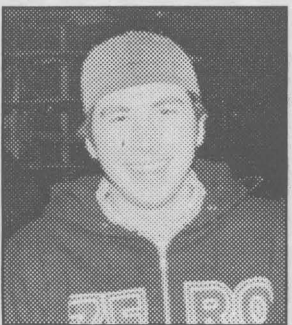
*"They take me grocery shopping and out to lunch; they only stay for a couple hours."*  
— Megan Maxey, junior administration



*"Go bowling or to the dollar store; parents love the dollar store."*  
— Jacquelynn Wall, freshman undecided



*"Take them around to buy all the necessities."*  
— Eric Mettler, junior business administration



*"Run and hide."*  
— Vander Corley, freshman undecided

## Plenty of options to please parents

by Ben Davis  
Staff reporter

It's been said that the only constant is change, and for parents of college students this saying's truth is prevalent everytime they see their son or daughter.

Parents and Family Weekend, Feb. 21 to Feb. 23, gives those who wonder what their children are doing at school a chance to see and experience today's college life, if only for a weekend.

Sponsored by Campus Life and featuring the theme, "Experience the Extraordinary," Parents and Family Weekend will give parents and family members of Central Washington University students a taste of activities that students can participate in throughout the year. From snowshoeing and cross country skiing to a basketball double header against Seattle University and a performance by world-famous "Extraordinist" Craig Karges, the activities are vast and varied.

"I think it's a unique opportunity for parents to bond with their college-age child," Stefanie Seifken, sophomore elementary education major, said. The response to these planned activities has been so great that Campus Life has added another event not listed on registration forms mailed to Central students and parents.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding" will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday night in Club Central in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB).

The weekend concludes with a Jazz Brunch at 10 a.m. on Sunday,

Feb. 23 in Club Central which will feature Central's Vocal Jazz Choir and a Southwestern menu. Scott Drummond, Campus Life director, said the event was patterned after the Gospel Brunch put on by the House of Blues on Sundays.

"It'll be a nice chance for parents and students to eat and socialize," Drummond said. "We wanted to highlight something great about Central, and that's our music program."

The brunch starts at 10 a.m., but the jazz program doesn't begin until 10:45 a.m. giving people a chance to eat before enjoying the music. Cost for the brunch is \$8 per person. Prices for the other events range from \$7 to \$14 per person.

**"... it's a unique opportunity for parents to bond with their college-age child."**

— Stefanie Seifken

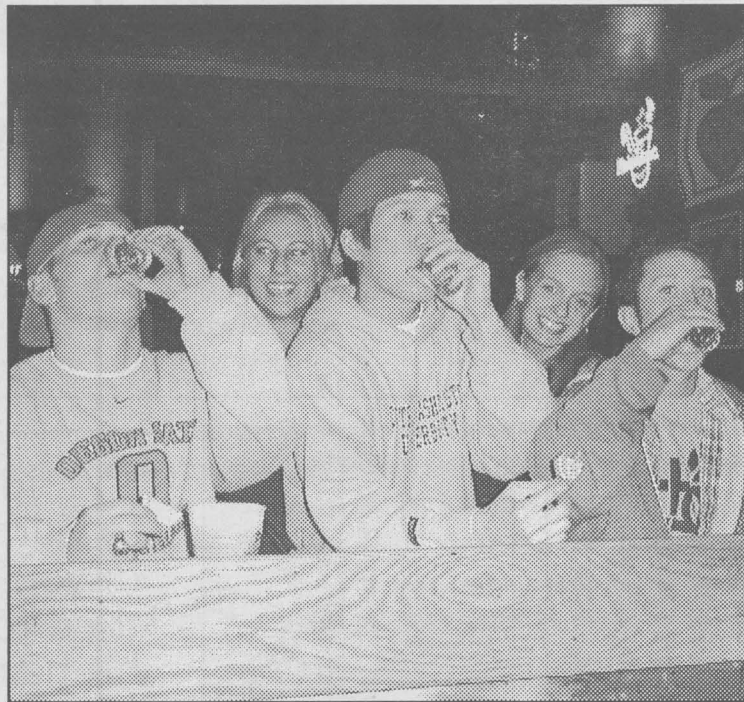
Registration is encouraged, as space is limited for each event. However, Kayte Anchors, senior education major and special events coordinator for Campus Life, said every accommodation would be

made for those wishing to attend any specific activity.

"We're definitely going to make sure that everyone who wants to attend a specific event can," Anchors said.

Despite the name of the weekend, Anchors said that events aren't limited to students and their visiting families.

Although the deadline for mail-in registration has passed, students and their families can still sign up for events at the SUB Information Booth. The general public is also invited to attend all events during Parents and Family Weekend.



Andy Hanson/Observer

Patrons of the Mint (left to right, Lance Womach, Erin Hewitt, Jesse Fueng, Katie Nash and Blake Lennox) prepare for Parents and Family Weekend.

## Party with families in downtown bars

by Natalie Bing  
Staff reporter

Anyone attempting to entertain Mom and Dad this weekend need look no further than the Ellensburg local bar scene to help cure the problem of finding something the whole family can enjoy during Parents and Family Weekend. The Mint and The Liquid Lounge are featuring some local bands sure to add a little excitement to a Saturday evening.

"I'm looking forward to showing my mom what there is to do in Ellensburg," Bernard Thomas, junior sociology major, said.

Johnny Five will play at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at The Mint. The Mint, located at 111 W. 3rd Ave., has plenty of seating and a large dance floor.

"We play anything that will make people dance," Jon Griswold, lead singer of Johnny Five, said. "Funk,

pop tunes, rock and roll, we do a lot of everything."

Johnny Five recently played at The Brick, a bar in Roslyn, and is now in Ellensburg to rock the house. With a newly added three-piece horn section, this rockin' group does it all. So strap on some swing shoes, hop in the car (or better yet take a taxi) and get to The Mint to dance the night away.

Johnny Five offers a variety of music, allowing Dad's inner N'Sync obsession and Mom's need to groove to some reggae sure to be satisfied. There is no cover charge so money saved can go towards a round of shots for the folks.

Need a different style of music to keep the heads bobbing? Parents and students can enjoy an evening overflowing with fun at the Liquid Lounge. Beginning at 9 p.m. on Saturday, The Liquid Lounge is fea-

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## Other weekend entertainment

### Friday, Feb. 21

8 p.m. — "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." Club Central. \$3 Central students, \$4 general admission.

Closing at 10 p.m. — Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Game Room. Complimentary play on all table games.

### Saturday, Feb. 22

10:45 a.m. — Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute tours. Limited space, register before event. \$7.50 students, \$10 adults.

5 p.m. and 7 p.m. — Women's and men's basketball against Seattle University. Nicholson Pavilion. \$8 general admission, \$5 non-Central student, free for Central students. Admission includes both games.

Not all Parents and Family Weekend events are listed



# Hunting with Mom

by Tessa Staveley  
Staff reporter

Central procreations beware: the parents are coming.

Invasion of former chastisers takes place this weekend. In preparation, throw out the empty bottles, hide leftover Valentine's paraphernalia, and think of anything to do with Mom and Dad to avoid discussing your still-oozing tatoos.

The union of young and old provides students with priceless moments worthy of a Kodak commercial. In following this timeworn theme, discover archaic relics hidden in the side shops and emptied attics of Ellensburg boutiques. Going antiquing with Mom will let you bond with your maternal unit while picking up trinkets along the way.

"It feels like you've walked into the past," Deb Palmer, Main Street Market shop owner, said. "A lot of our customers come here to relax, look at life the way it used to be. They even come here instead of going to eat."

Aside from the dieting perks, Main Street Market specializes in the pure nostalgia surrounding vintage keepsakes. Customers often find their toes tapping to tunes of times past.

The aura of Main Street Market is unique in its magical approach to a museum-like shop, where the trinkets sold are far from thrift store quality. Rich furniture, original clothing, unique pictures, priceless knickknacks and old toys will jog memories more than an episode of "The Wonder Years."

Main Street Market is located at 309 N. Main St.

The Rusted Rake, an eclectic store with modern influence, holds more surprises than a box of chocolates.

"It's not your typical store for Ellensburg," Jan Callahan, co-



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

An eclectic collection of vintage trinkets and contemporary goods fill the walls of The Rusted Rake.

owner said.

The Rusted Rake has been described by customers as a visual buffet.

High ceilings, original decor, spacious displays and bright paintings appease shoppers appetites.

Owners Callahan and Paige Anspach have created a classic collection of keepsakes and contempo-

rary goods.

European influence is scattered throughout the diverse store. Jewelry, dishware, linens, lotions, candles, accessories and books delight customers.

Visit the store and serve Mom up a delicatessen of trinkets. The Rusted Rake is located at 312 N. Main St.



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

The Worley Bugger offers a large selection of fly-fishing goods to help Central students bond with Dad.

## Fishing for Dad's necessary approval

by Tessa Staveley  
Staff reporter

There are plenty of fish in the sea, as well as on campus. Catch something besides a freshman and head for the river. Fly fishing with Dad will draw his attention to the species with gills on Parents and Family Weekend.

"We look like a postage stamp, but inside we carry everything a fly fisherman would need,"

Shawn Mitchell, Evening Hatch owner, said.

The Evening Hatch, a guide service and fly fishing pro shop, provides drive-thru service for the Dad-and-student in a rush.

Hold on to your britches because the Hatch is also an espresso stand. Grab a latte, scone and sunglasses from the gift shop and head for the rushing Yakima River.

"There's a whole lot of everything in a little small spot," Mitchell said.

These on-the-go necessities are available seven days per week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Evening Hatch is located on 2308 Canyon Rd. Day trips, overnight trips and five-day adventures are offered. For more information call 962-5959 or go to [www.theevening-hatch.com](http://www.theevening-hatch.com).

Stop and smell the flies at Worley Bugger Fly Co., located on 306 South Main St. This guide service and proshop is packed

full of fly fishing necessities, guide books, maps and helpful employees.

"Some guy's think they're experts; they catch just as much fish as the guys that fish for fun," John Lease, Worley Bugger employee, said.

Take Dad out and have a good time, even if you are better at fishing for dates than for fish. For more information about Worley Bugger call 962-2033.

“There’s a whole lot of everything in a little small spot.”

— Shawn Mitchell

# Extraordinaire to take Central out of this world

by Risa Fidler  
Staff reporter

Tables float. Audience member's rings are linked together in a chain. Metal is bent. Minds are read.

These are some of the typical occurrences at a Craig Karges performance. Karges, a six-time winner of the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) best performer award, is a self-proclaimed extraordinist who incorporates illusion, psychic happenings and humor into his performances.

He will perform at Central Washington University during the upcoming Parents and Family Weekend on Saturday, Feb. 23.

"Craig Karges plays mainly college and corporate venues, with audiences varying between 200 to 1000 people," Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, said. "But then he's also performed, for instance, on the 'Tonight Show' with Jay Leno and on 'CNN Headline News' in front of mil-

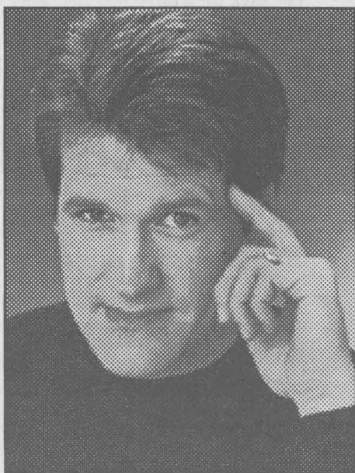


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Craig Karges

lions of people."

Karges has made more than 3,000 appearances on three continents and in all 50 states throughout his 15-year career. He very recently went overseas and performed his routine for U.S. Troops in the Middle East, according to Kayte Anchors, special

events coordinator for Campus Life and senior business & marketing education major.

"He is always booked for performances," Anchors said. "We were very lucky to be able to schedule him into the activities since he is in such high demand, especially by colleges who book him consecutively, year after year."

Drummond said Karges has performed at Central three or four times in the past 12 years.

"We try to have him back every four or five years so every new group of Central students has the opportunity to see him," Drummond said.

Karges could be described as a "big wig" in the world of extraordinists. He was named the top performer in his field worldwide by the International Psychic Entertainers Association.

"Karges incorporates several different things into his performances

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## Sold out

Planning on signing up for a last Tent n' Tube outing with Mom and Dad? From snowshoeing to innertubing, trips are full and the waiting lists are growing each day. The only outing still open is a cross country ski trip at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. For more information, contact Tent n' Tube at 963-3537.

“If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.”

—George Bernard Shaw



# Dining with Daddy's dough

by Kahlan Wiles  
Staff reporter

After a snowshoe trip with the parents, some old-fashioned Italian food might be the answer to an empty belly. In Ellensburg two Italian restaurants, Grant's Pizza Place and The Ellensburg Pasta Company, offer different types of food and strikingly different atmospheres.

Grant's offers a more casual and fun atmosphere with games and pizza that will satisfy a young sibling who is tagging along. The environment is conducive to large, loud group.

"It's good to bring the parents to Grant's because we have lots of video games, good food that's not very expensive and food for everyone in the family," Katie Grant, Grant's employee, said.

Grant's offers build-your-own-pizzas and specialty pizzas such as the Dynamite Chicken or the Taco Delight. Prices vary and offer a change from the average Friday night pizza.

Pizza isn't the only dish Grant's is known for; the restaurant's appetizers and sandwiches are also a big hit.

"Our grinders are very popular; so are our nachos because they are so big and you get so much," Grant said.

Grinders are huge sandwiches made with ham, turkey, pepperoni, roast beef or veggies for \$7.50 for a

half-grinder and \$9.40 for a whole. The Everything Grinder includes all four meats and is \$8.90 for a half and \$11.40 a whole. The nachos include green peppers, onions, olives, tomatoes, jalapenos, cheddar cheese and beef for \$8.

The Ellensburg Pasta Company offers the classic Italian restaurant dining experience where atmosphere is just as important as food.

"The Ellensburg Pasta Company has a really good atmosphere. It's not a loud place, so you have a good opportunity to talk to your parents while eating good food," Adina Johnson, employee, said.

The Ellensburg Pasta Company serves many of the traditional Italian favorites while offering some new dishes as well.

"We got a new menu a month ago and it's been real popular," Johnson said. "We have homemade classic lasagna that people like because you get a huge portion. The creamy chicken pesto is also a very popular dish."

The Ellensburg Pasta Company is softly lit with vibrantly colored walls and light fixtures that present a calming atmosphere. An affordable yet classy establishment, the restaurant can be the perfect place for mom and dad to treat for dinner.

"I go to the Ellensburg Pasta Company because the prices are reasonable, the food is good and I can



Alana Pierce/Observer

Grant's Pizza (left) located across from campus on 8th Street is a family friendly pizza establishment that invites its patrons to dine while playing in their game room, which offers a variety of games from foosball to video games. The Ellensburg Pasta Company, located at 600 N. Main St. offers classic Italian atmosphere and authentic dishes at a reasonable price.

have a conversation with someone without screaming over the music," Lesley Busch, Ellensburg resident, said.

Pasta prices range from \$5.50 to

\$7.95 and soups, salads and sandwiches are priced under \$7.

Grant's is located across from campus at 716 E. 8th Ave. and offers

free delivery. The Ellensburg Pasta Company, located at 600 N. Main St., offers take-out at a 50 cent additional charge per order.

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## KARGES: Cash to anyone who can prove he is fake

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and I think this is what makes his shows so interesting," Anchors said. "It sounds like he has a great stage presence."

For those skeptical of his legitimacy, Karges has a standing offer of \$100,000, payable to charity, if anyone can prove he's a fake.

According to Drummond, in past performances Karges has asked him to hand him three identical envelopes with his paycheck in one of them.

He then mixes them up and lights two envelopes on fire. If he accidentally lights his check on fire, he doesn't get paid for that night's performance.

"He says he's only lost one check

in 15 years," Drummond said.

Karges is from West Virginia and became interested in spiritual matters at the age of 14 when his spiritualist great-uncle began educating him in this phenomenon.

In addition to performing on college campuses, Karges has written two books and teaches workshops on memory techniques and learning how to tap into the unconscious mind to enhance creativity, intuition and decision making processes.

"I think it's going to be a great show," Anchors said. "People should come and check it out."

Karges' show starts at 9:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the SUB. Tickets are on sale in the SUB and cost \$10 or \$7 for Central students.

## MUSIC: Central alumni to play at Liquid Lounge

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turing three bands and a \$3 cover charge.

With A Bullet begins the evening rocking the lounge with a bang. Their punk-style tunes are only the beginning of this music-filled evening. The second band to play is Blue Sky Mile.

"Can't say for certain who or what we sound like, it's sort of a mish-mash of energetic and melodic indie/emo/punk/rock," Kevin Burrell, guitarist for Blue Sky Mile, said.

Blue Sky Mile, which formed in 2001 in Seattle, is on the way to making it big. The first EP is due out in June 2003 on Ohev Records.

The third band of the evening is

the Seattle-based trio The Ruby Doe. Central students and their parents can keep in the spirit of parents weekend and check out this Central alumni band. With a blend of equal parts rock and punk, garnished with '90s grunge, The Ruby Doe settles smoother than a gin and tonic.

The Liquid Lounge can be found at 801 Euclid Way. Happy hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m. everyday through February. Even those on a college student's budget can afford to spend some quality time bonding with the family over half priced drinks.

If an evening playing scrabble sounds l-a-m-e, head down to the bars and truly enjoy the evening.





# SPORTS

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organizes (Pittsburgh).*

## Swimmers are prepared for the conference championships

Central's swim team looks ahead to future competitions with hard work and practice

by Jill Ebding  
Staff reporter

Most Central Washington University students' days don't begin until between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., often times even later. For Central swimmers like Suzanne Hizey and Anne Miller, the day begins bright and early at 5 a.m.

Six days per week, Wildcat swimmers meet at the Central Washington University Aquatic Facility for morning practices from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. They then head to classes for the rest of the day, and back to the pool in the afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. for more practice. Imagine holding 18-21 credits, like most team members, plus practicing twice per day.

Practices include weightlifting, swimming, sit-ups, push-ups, running, and of course more swimming. Each swimmer is allowed 20 hours per week of swim practice under NCAA rules. This instills a great sense of time management.

"Taking 21 credits this quarter, plus swimming really makes me organize my time," Hizey, senior, elementary education major, said.

Two practices, classes, homework and even a job can take up all of your personal time.

"Our days consists of waking up, practice, classes, practice, eating, taking lots of naps, homework, and sleeping," Anne Miller, senior, recreation tourism major said. "Naps are very important, almost any free time during the day, we take naps!"

Seeing that much of their physical lives revolve around swimming, their intellectual lives also revolve around the sport.

"Most of us have been swimming since second or third grade, we all live with other swimmers because we have such an unusual schedule, and all of our school papers are written about swimming, and almost all of our friends are swimmers," Hizey said.

This season the Wildcat swimmers competed mostly against Division I

and III schools in their 11 meets. Central is one of two Division II swimming schools in Washington, so it is hard to travel down to California on a regular basis for meets. It is usually not until the Pacific Swimming Conference Championship, this week, in Long Beach, Calif., that swimmers compete against other Division II schools.

Team members must place at this meet in order to move on to the NCAA Division II National Championships, March 12-15 in Grand Forks, N.D.

Besides practicing twice per day, going to class in-between, and sleeping, Hizey and Miller talked about the fun, unique things associated with Central's swim team.

This year's varsity team consists of 14 men and 18 women. The women's team practices a "Big Sister, Little Sister" program to provide support before meets. At the beginning of the school year, the team holds a "Red/Black Meet" during Homecoming weekend. For this meet the team captains get together and divide the team, as fairly as possible, to compete against each other.

"This meet seems the most competitive and fun because we are all

swimming against each other," Miller said. "We paint our bodies with lipstick and get really excited about it."

This season for Christmas break, the team headed to the sunny beaches of Hawaii for a warm vacation, but also to practice. The training included 10 days jam-packed with hikes, ocean swims, practices, dry land training and meets against various other schools.

The most recognized tradition of almost any swim team is to not shave until the "big meet."

"Yes that means women do not shave their legs for a good 4-6 months," Miller said. "So we all have

hairy legs and people look at us funny. We look forward to the final meet of the season so we can get rid of the "Amazon" on our legs."

The season started in September, two weeks before classes began; conference meets come during the last weeks of February, and then the NCAA Division II National Championships soon after.

"Our season never ends! When our school season is over, most of us have

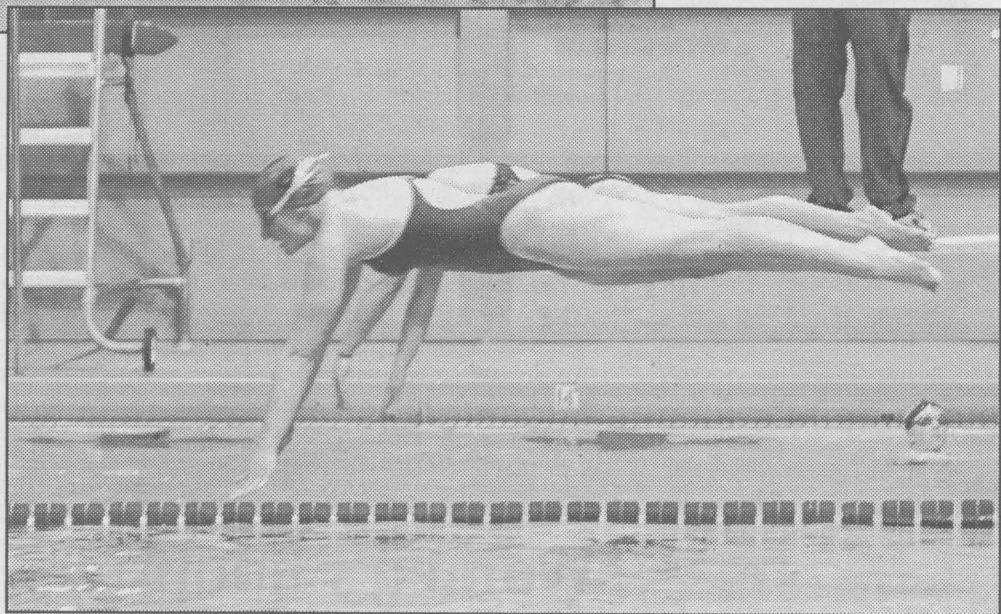
club teams here at Central or back home," Hizey said. "We continually practice and compete because any time taken off equals being twice as far behind everyone else."

The team left for Long Beach earlier this week to test their skills against other Division II schools. Winners from this conference meet will head to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Grand Forks, N.D., from March 12-15.



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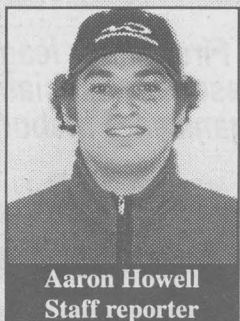
Senior swimmers Suzanne Hizey (above) and Anne Miller (left) practice at the Central Washington University Aquatic Facility. The Central swim team will head to Long Beach, Calif., for the conference meet against other schools in the region.



Two Central swimmers dive in the pool at practice to prepare for conference.



## Damn that Spaniard



**Aaron Howell**  
Staff reporter

I'm getting real tired. My legs are becoming noodles after a full day strapped onto my 183-centimeter mid-fat boards. The snow is not soft. The conditions have been lousy. Wait a minute; as I'm writing this, it hasn't snowed for two weeks.

When it does snow, it drops about two inches, only to be melted off in the daytime by the beaming sunshine. And why, you ask? That damn El Niño.

El Niño and La Niña are atmospheric trends that have been pasted all over skier and boarder magazines for the past 10 years. In the end, they identify which range of mountains will prevail and which will become stale.

This year El Niño has struck the Cascade Mountain range — struck it hard. Each of the Cascade ski resorts are hurting (except for Mt. Baker, as usual). Mission Ridge, as well as Stevens, Snoqualmie and White Passes are all recording less than 50 percent of regular snowpack. With less snowpack comes fewer visitors, followed by less money to the owners, followed by no new high-speed quads, no expansion throughout the forests and in the end, no park. All because of a lack of snow.

Here's what I say we do: The conditions of El Niño happen because of slightly warmer ocean temperatures off the East coast of South America in the Southern Atlantic.

Now, all we need to do is slice off a good size chunk of a glacier — one that the silly tourists can watch fall into the water anyhow on their cruise to Alaska or the Northern regions. Tow that sucker down into the area of the ocean that will eventually cause El Niño to return and happen in the Cascades. All those Brazilians won't mind a two-degree temperature decrease in their ocean water.

This slight change in temperature will turn the Cascades into a mecca for powder snow (such as what happened last season).

This simple melting glacier in the Atlantic will reverse the El Niño trend and bring us some of the nicest, freshest powder ever seen for years to come. I have no idea what Greenpeace, or the Waverider foundations would say, but at least this is an idea, right?

# Men's hoops split on road

## Wildcats win one and lose one on the road over weekend

*Western Oregon University*

by Christien Neuson  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's men's basketball team was at Western Oregon University (WOU) last weekend where it dominated WOU with stifling defense and an all-out collective team effort.

On Saturday night, five Central players reach double digits. The bench chipped in to blow open and seal the game for another Central road trip victory, 103-95.

Freshman guard Alex Swerzbis was flawless, converting 6-6 from the field and 7-7 at the free-throw line, scoring 20 points.

"With Boast's ankle injury, Thompson's finger, Mitchell's wrist, and Kernen's ailing knee, I think some people are stepping up to get the job done," Head Coach Greg Sparling said.

Many Wildcats contributed to the win: junior guard Kacey Ulin posted 17 points, senior guard Terry Thompson scored 15 points, junior forward Jay Thomas had 12 points, junior forward Chris Bond dropped in 10 points and junior forward Anthony Lewis dished seven assists and scored nine points.

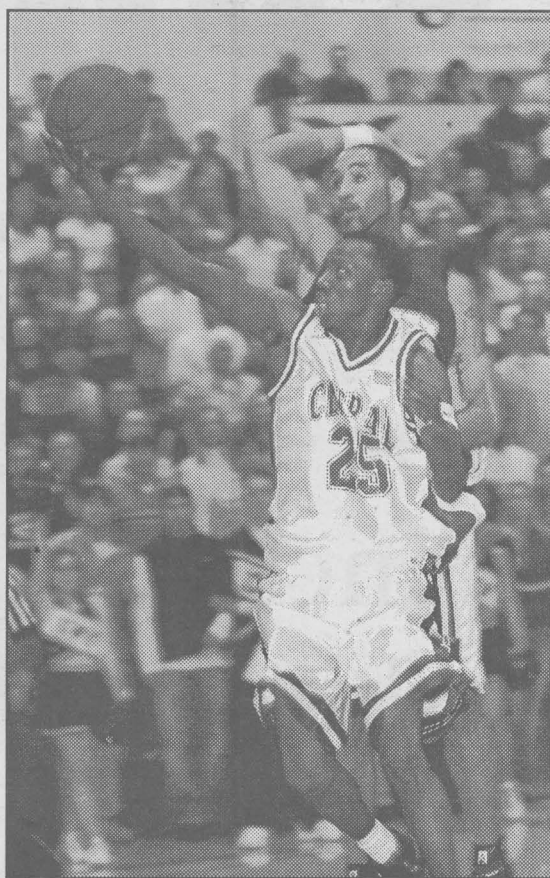
The playoffs are certainly in sight for the Wildcats as they try to get a few more wins this season.

"We needed this win to stay alive," Lewis said. "The whole team played hard, and with everybody stepping up and playing together, our chances of making the playoffs are quite good."

As of late, the Wildcats start the game off with high intensity, but don't keep it up in the second half.

"We had a perfect first half against Western Oregon," junior guard Jay Thomas said, "but we were just getting by in the second half."

In the second half of the game Central was outscored 72-58, maybe



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Senior guard Terry Thompson lays the ball up earlier this season against Western.

showing possible signs of fatigue.

"Believe me, we are in shape so that's not the reason we aren't performing as well in the second half,"

Thomas said.

Today, Central takes on the winless Northwest Nazarene University at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion, with hopes of keeping playoff aspirations alive. Attendance at the game is expected to be high, in spite of NNU's record.

*Humboldt State University*

by Cindy Figueroa  
Staff reporter

The sweet taste of victory left Humboldt State University (HSU) with faint memories of its bitter loss to Central in Jan. 18.

After HSU's perfect record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference was shattered by the Wildcats, revenge was inevitable. Central's 59-80 loss gave the Lumberjacks their 28th straight home win in the Arcata, Calif., East Gym.

"It's a tough place to play at," Sparling said. "The kids played hard the first half, but we had a bad shooting night."

Statistically, final numbers should be a definite disadvantage for the Wildcats. The Lumberjacks scored 40

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## Central women fall to undefeated SPU

by Takeshi Kojima  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's women's basketball team faced the challenge of playing undefeated Seattle Pacific University (SPU) last Saturday.

"We are really eager because we only lost to them by three points last time, so I think we all feel and believe we can beat them," sophomore guard Loni Ainslie said. "They are a tough team, but we studied them. We have a good chance."

The Wildcats went west to face No. 1 nationally ranked SPU in front of about 1,200 fans. SPU has not lost a game all season, which includes winning 28 home games.

"We were the last team they lost to at home in 2001," Head Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Whitney said. "We put stuff up in the locker room indicating that we have to be positive; we have to think, 'win'."

In the first half, the Wildcats showed SPU their team spirit.

"For the first half, we played very well," Whitney said. "We took control for the first half."

After finishing up with a close score of 39-41 in the first half, the Wildcats couldn't stop the Falcons' ability in the second half.

"We just had some breakdown," Whitney said. "We didn't push the ball for the transition. Those little things add up when you're playing the best team in the country."

The final score read 69-80, though junior Lindsey Weiss scored 23 points, had six rebounds and five steals.

"Tonight was her night," Whitney said. "She kept us in the ball game with a lot of really key threes and drives. I'm really proud of her effort."

One SPU player admitted the team struggled with the Wildcats' defensive toughness.

"Today's game was a high pressure game," Kristin Poe, junior SPU forward, said. "They've improved, and they always give us a great game. They are a tough team to beat when

they're hitting."

A Falcon supporter also noticed the Wildcats' stickiness.

"They were tough," Chris Young, SPU student, said. "They were closer than what the score ended up. We have a lot of respect for them."

The Wildcats will face rival Western Washington University today, then battle with Seattle University on Saturday. Both games begin at 5 p.m. at Nicholson Pavilion.



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Sophomore post Alayna Vincent goes up for a jump shot against an opponent earlier this season.

## Women's hoopsters look forward to WWU game

by Takeshi Kojima  
Staff reporter

Central's cross-state rival, Western Washington University, has come to Ellensburg today, not only to extend its winning streak to nine, but also to crush the Wildcats' pride.

"I know that we have really had a battle," Head Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Whitney said. "We beat them at our place last year, and they beat us earlier this year by two points. That will be a great game this week

here, and this is another revenge game for our team to beat them."

In their history, the Wildcats have recorded eight wins and 26 losses against WWU. The players know what it means to battle with the Vikings.

"It's a big label for us definitely," sophomore guard Loni Ainslie said. "I think every year, no matter what, the tension between us and Western is a pride thing."

For seniors, today's game will be the last regular game with Western.

"It'll be an exciting game," senior point guard Meggen Kautzky said. "I want to beat them my last time playing them."

Another senior guard, Karissa Martin, is also excited that the Vikings have come to Wildcat country for the avenge.

"I'm looking forward to it," Martin said. "I feel we should've beaten them down there. I think they know that. I hope they are scared to come play us, because we'll be ready for them, too. I'm glad to have a tough

game."

The team needs Central students' participation to show Wildcat pride.

"I would like to challenge Central students to come out and support this women's team because I know Western's going to bring a good crowd with them," Whitney said. "I don't want the Western crowd outdoing our crowd. I'd like to challenge them to come out, watch us play and help us beat Western."

The game will begin at 5 p.m. today at Nicholson Pavilion.



# Athlete of the Week

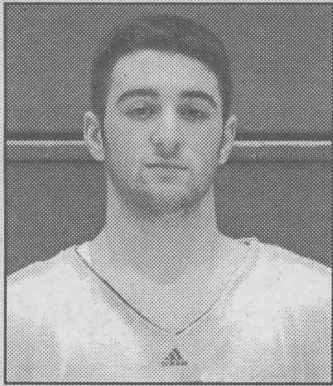
by Adina Johnson  
Staff reporter

The PE Building in Monmouth, Ore. could not contain the game of Central Washington University's young guard Alex Swerzbis on Saturday as Western Oregon University played host to the men's basketball team in the Wildcat's defeat of the Wolves 103-95.

The 18-year-old true freshman out of Clackamas, Ore., scored a team-high 20 points in the first return to his home state as a college athlete.

Showcasing his abilities from the hardwood, Swerzbis was 6-6 from the field and 7-7 at the line in his 24 minutes on the court.

Averaging just more than eight minutes of play per game for the season, the 6-foot-1-inch player's previous career-high was eight points against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks (UAF) Feb. 8.



Alex Swerzbis

Swerzbis was the first-half leading scorer for the Wildcats with 12 points.

A 2002 graduate from Clackamas High School, Swerzbis is the only Oregonian on the men's basketball squad.

The team shot 64 percent from the field and saw 10 players score. Leading the attack was Swerzbis, senior guard Terry Thompson with

15 points and junior guard Kasey Ulin with 17 points on the night.

The Wildcats were not as fortunate in their meeting against the nationally No. 3-ranked team, Humboldt State University (HSU), on Thursday night in Arcata, Calif.

The Wildcat offense struggled, shooting 32 percent from the field, but recorded the team's most impressive free throw performance of the season, shooting 87 percent from the line.

Central led the game by six early in the second half before being outscored 45-18 in the last 17 minutes of play. The Wildcats handed the Lumberjacks their first loss of the season at Nicholson Pavilion on Jan. 18.

Central begins a three-game home stretch at 7 p.m. tonight in a game against Northwest Nazarene University. Seattle University will come to town Feb. 22 before the Wildcats face Saint Martin's

## BASKETBALL: Wildcats looking forward to home games at "The Nic" this weekend

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Statistically, final numbers should be a definite disadvantage for the Wildcats. The Lumberjacks scored 40 points in the paint, while Central put in 12.

Eighteen of HSU's points came

from second shots, and HSU senior forward Austin Nichols scored a game high 24 points.

"I don't know how many points in a row Austin Nichols and Fred Hooks had," Sparling said. "They took over the game."

The Wildcats, who trailed by one at the half, blew a 41-35 lead early in the second half despite shooting 93 percent from the free throw line. With 17:43 left on the clock, Central began its decline, shooting 30.4 percent from the field and being outscored 45-18.

"We didn't play well, so Humboldt took advantage of that and ran with it," senior guard Terry Thompson said.

HSU threw Central off defensively by creating shots for several of their players.

Thompson was the only Wildcat player with double figure field goal attempts, shooting twice as many times as any other player on the team, but HSU shut down the Thompson powerhouse, only allowing him to score 12 total points; six from free throws.

"Other players, including myself, should be more assertive on the court," junior forward Jay Thomas said.

Central's last home games are coming quickly, with the first of three today against Northwest Nazarene University.

## Matmen have mediocre display over weekend

by Jenny Smelser  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's wrestling team headed to Idaho last weekend to face both Montana State Northern University (MSNU) and Boise State University (BSU) in a two-dual and came away with a few pins, but a few losses as well.

Overall the team wrestled well heading into the final weeks before regionals and nationals.

Ty Roberts, junior art major, and Franco Santiago, junior construction management major, each pinned their opponents during their second dual against Boise.

"They both wrestled up to their potential," Kenny Salvini, senior electrical engineer major, said. "They came through when we needed them."

Salvini went one-and-one with a win against MSNU.

Jared Novak, senior construction management major, didn't pull away

with any wins, but wrestled extremely well according to Coach Jay McGuffin. McGuffin said Novak only lost to Boise due to a bad call in the final seconds.

"The intensity of the team was much higher in the second dual," McGuffin said. "The team wrestled better than they did against Montana."

The team has less than two weeks to prepare for regionals in San Francisco. Regionals are on March 2. McGuffin will be taking 10 of his varsity wrestlers.

The wrestlers include Luke Roberts, Kenny Salvini, Ty Roberts, Jared Novak, Franco Santiago, Shane Jaime, Ross Kondo, D.C. Hazen, Aaron Mann and Matt Lininger.

The tournament lasts one day and then the team heads to West Virginia on March 13-14 for nationals.

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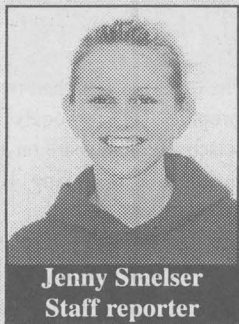
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## Get in shape for summer now, not for spring



Jenny Smelser  
Staff reporter

I always wonder why some individuals feel the need to work out for spring break.

Now, I'm not talking about those few people that have been jogging and weight lifting for the past year anticipating a vacation, but rather those hundreds of students that joined a gym or started doing crunches this week in preparation for a vacation four weeks away.

If you haven't been working out already, you probably won't lose that spare tire for spring break.

Sorry, but it's the truth. You might, however, after many nights at the gym, feel better about how that spare tire rolls off your trunks, but the fact still remains: the spare tire isn't going anywhere.

I'm not saying I haven't tried crash workouts. I have many times, but the results aren't ever evident after a few weeks in the gym.

Many of my friends say that even if they don't lose the weight after working out a few weeks before vacation, they'll still feel better about themselves once they get to the beach.

That might be true, but what about their physical activities once they get on that vacation? Are they really going to be waking up and jogging every morning?

I'd rather see them pulling on their bathing suits and rolling that spare tire out on the beach every morning. Beer, grease and partying aren't part of a vacation's workout regime.

I'm not saying students shouldn't try to lose the extra weight for vacation. Spring break is motivation for working out, but why not keep up the good work and try to sculpt the body for summer as well? That way, even if you don't look your best for spring break, you'll look awesome for the summer.

Spring break lasts one week and no one will remember your name anyway.

Summer lasts three months and that's plenty of time to meet someone, show off your new look and maybe keep them around for the next school year.

# Q&A with Coach Desi Storey

by Conor Glassey  
Staff reporter

*In anticipation of the upcoming baseball season, I sat down with Coach Storey to get his input on what will come this spring.*

**OK, let's start off with some background info. How long have you been coaching, and what experience do you have?**

Well, I'm on my 13th year. I was an assistant for six years before that, played two years here, played four years of college ball, two years here. So, I've been with Central for a long time.

**What do you do during the off-season, and what are some of your hobbies?**

Well, I coach Little League, too, for my youngest. I also run camps, and I kind of stay in baseball all year long. I also like to go boating; I've got a boat, so when I get a break I do that.

**You play about 54 games this season; only 19 are at home. How will that affect the season?**

You know, that's something we deal with every year. So, if we're playing well, it shouldn't have an effect on us. When you get in the playoffs, you've got to go on the road anyway, so you've got to be able to win on the road; that's the bottom line.

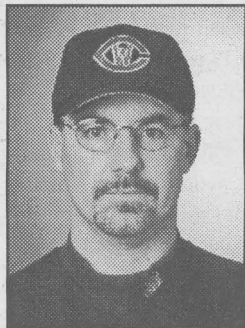
**Also, you have a lot of double-headers which can really take a toll on a team. How do you prepare your players for that?**

That's just a matter of depth. Everybody in the region plays four-game sets on the weekend, so everybody is pretty much in the same boat and it all comes down to quality of depth. We keep our guys healthy, and our depth is going to translate into wins.

**Player wise, tell me about some key losses you had in the off-season and some key additions as well.**

Well, you know Temp (Brandon Templer) graduated, and he's coaching with us this year. He was an all-conference catcher for us last year, so that was big. We weren't that strong on the hill (pitching mound) last year, and we lost some guys that could eat some innings up for us, but I think overall we're better off there.

And for the most part we have most of our hitters back. Aaron Tennis, who started in the outfield for us and hit the ball well last year; he graduated. Offensively, two guys who helped out the most were Brandon and Aaron, so I think we have a big loss there. Obviously, we replaced him (Templer) behind the plate. In the outfield we're strong, and we got our whole infield back, so that should translate into some decent offense I would think.



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**— Desi Storey**

**How does the wind in Ellensburg affect baseball here at Central?**

Well, you deal with it. From my standpoint, when you play in the spring, pretty much everywhere you go there's wind. If people say that it blows here more than anywhere else, maybe so. But we go to Lewiston (Idaho) and it's windy; we've gone to Walla Walla and it's windy; we go down to Western Oregon and it can blow. Down at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa (Idaho) it blows. So you deal with it. The nice thing about it is even though we've got to deal with the wind, we don't have to deal with the rain. Once we're outside, for the most part we're outside. So, you dress a little warmer and you go.

**Which teams will be the most challenging this season?**

Well, for a regional berth it's going to be real important that we play well against Mesa State. They were in the top four last year and made it to the playoffs. They're going to have a good club this year. We play them six times, so we're going to have to play well against

them. It's going to be a big challenge for us.

I think Western Oregon; they're the conference champ. Terry (Western Oregon head coach Terry Baumgartner) lost a lot of guys, but he does a good job down there. They have a very good program. So, we need to play well against Western Oregon also.

But I think overall the key is we need to play good, consistent ball within the conference; win the conference. Which would translate into the fact that we're beating Western (Oregon) and then win the regional games out of conference.

We've got to beat Mesa, beat Southern Colorado and probably Metro State when we play them. Those are the top three teams in that conference too, and they're in our region. All those teams are important, and then we can't lose the games that we shouldn't lose. We can't lose to the Whitmans, and the Concordias, and the PLUs and all that. We lose those games, and that's going to hurt us.

**Who are you expecting to contribute the most offensively?**

That's hard to say. I've got a lot of

expectations for a lot of the guys. Rodriguez (senior second baseman Anthony Rodriguez) led the conference last year in hitting. I don't know if he can do it again; that's a tough act to follow. We need a good year out of him. If he hits .400, that's great because nobody's ever done it two years in a row here. I don't anticipate that, but I hope he has a good year at the plate. If he hits solid, .350 or somewhere in there, and has a good year, that's gonna be big for us.

I expect Burns (senior outfielder Jake Burns) and Thomas (senior outfielder John Thomas) to have good years, maybe even better than they had last year, because they both got off to a little bit of a slow start last year, before they got on track.

Brian Viafore (senior first baseman), if we can keep him healthy, should put up some good offensive numbers for us too. Having him hurt last year hurt us early.

**According to the roster, you guys don't have any lefties (left-handed pitchers). Western Oregon has six left-handed hitters; how is that going to factor in?**

Well, my stance on it is, I want quality arms on the bump (pitcher's mound). Whether they're right or left I don't care. I'm not going to specifically keep a left-handed pitcher if he's not capable of winning at this level just to keep a lefty.

We've talked about that and it'd be nice to have a couple of lefties, but they're not there. I think our staff, at this point anyway, is really strong. You've still got to throw the ball over the plate. I don't think it's going to be that big of a factor.

**Which player gets everyone fired up the most?**

I don't know, probably Smith (senior first baseman Jason Smith). Smitty, he's kind of a go-getter.

**Have there been any players that have really surprised you so far?**

Probably our catchers surprised us the most. All three of them have come quite a ways to where they are at this point, playing pretty well. We weren't sure where we would be with our catchers this year, so I'd say overall they've been the most surprising.

**Baseball is known for its superstitions. Do you or any of your players have superstitions?**

Probably the whole team I would imagine. We were just talking about that today. If we win tomorrow (2/14), we'll probably stay in the same uniforms the next day.

**What kind of rules do you set for your guys as far as diet, curfew and other activities?**

Well in the off-season I'm a little more relaxed. They're all young adults, and in this town I think it's all right for them to go out and have an occasional drink. Once the season starts they're not allowed to go downtown and party, that sort of thing. As far as diet, they can eat whatever they want. When we go on the road we have a curfew. But at home I just expect them to get to bed and be ready to play.

**Would you be in favor of the NCAA switching to wood bats?**

You know, I don't know. I don't think it will ever happen. I just think there's too much money involved in the metal bat industry. It's hard to say. Some years, such as the second half of last year, we lived by the bat. So, if you put wood bats in our hands last year, we probably wouldn't have finished as strong. From my standpoint, I would probably just say no, stay with the metal.

**And finally, with such a long schedule how much recruiting do you actually get to do, and who else handles that?**

For the most part, I do most of it. My assistant, Chad Bala, helps out. I start to do a little bit now, start making

some phone calls, mostly to coaches, so I can get a feel for who they think can play here, who they think can come in next year and help. Then later in the spring I get some time to go start looking at guys. Once we're done, high school playoffs start, summer ball starts, CC (communi-

ty college) season is in their playoffs, so I get a chance to really go out and see the guys, and it's the time of year when guys should really be playing well.

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**— Desi Storey**

## 2003 Standouts

Watch for these Wildcats to shine this season:

Jake Burns

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Anthony Rodriguez